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S.B. No. 683

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the composition of the board of directors of the Gulf Coast Water Authority.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Sections 5 and 5(a), Chapter 712, Acts of the 59th Legislature, Regular Session, 1965, are amended to read as follows:

Sec. 5. The management and control of the District is hereby vested in a Board of nine [~~seven (7)~~] directors. The seven directors appointed by the Commissioners Court of Galveston County shall represent the geographic and ethnic diversity of the county. Vacancies on the Board of Directors, whether by death, resignation or termination of the term of office, shall be filled by appointment by the commissioners court that appointed the director [~~Commissioners Court of Galveston County~~]. All terms of office shall be for a period of two (2) years. Terms shall be staggered [~~so that the terms of three (3) directors expire one year and the terms of four (4) directors expire the next year~~]. Three (3) of the members appointed by the Commissioners Court of Galveston County shall be registered professional engineers under the laws of Texas.

Sec. 5(a). One (1) director of the District shall be appointed by the Commissioners Court of Galveston County upon the recommendation of the City Council of the City of Galveston. Six of the remaining [~~The remaining six (6)~~] directors shall be appointed

1 by the Commissioners Court of Galveston County with two directors
2 appointed at-large and the remaining four of those directors
3 appointed on the written recommendation of advisory committees
4 appointed by the Board of Directors of the Gulf Coast Water
5 Authority. Two of those directors shall be recommended by the
6 Mainland Municipal Advisory Committee and two of those directors
7 shall be recommended by the Industrial Advisory Committee. The
8 Commissioners Court of Galveston County is entitled to accept or
9 reject the recommendations made to the court by the advisory
10 committees. If a recommendation made by an advisory committee is
11 rejected, the advisory committee shall submit additional
12 recommendations to the court.

13 The Industrial Advisory Committee is composed of one
14 representative of each industrial customer of the Gulf Coast Water
15 Authority. The Mainland Municipal Advisory Committee is composed
16 of one representative of each municipal or water district customer
17 of the Gulf Coast Water Authority that contracts for ~~[uses]~~ not less
18 than 2 million gallons of water a day. The names of the
19 representatives of each of the committees shall be submitted to the
20 Board of Directors of the Gulf Coast Water Authority by the
21 respective industrial and municipal or water district customers.
22 The directors of the Gulf Coast Water Authority shall submit the
23 names of the advisory committee members to the Commissioners Court
24 of Galveston County, which shall record the names in the minutes of
25 the court.

26 One director shall be appointed by the Commissioners Court of
27 Fort Bend County to represent District customers in that county.

1 The director must be recommended by one or more of those customers
2 and reside in that county.

3 One director shall be appointed by the Commissioners Court of
4 Brazoria County to represent District customers in that county.

5 The director must be recommended by one or more of those customers
6 and reside in that county.

7 SECTION 2. (a) The legal notice of the intention to
8 introduce this Act, setting forth the general substance of this
9 Act, has been published as provided by law, and the notice and a
10 copy of this Act have been furnished to all persons, agencies,
11 officials, or entities to which they are required to be furnished
12 under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, and Chapter 313,
13 Government Code.

14 (b) The governor has submitted the notice and Act to the
15 Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

16 (c) The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has filed
17 its recommendations relating to this Act with the governor,
18 lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house of representatives
19 within the required time.

20 (d) All requirements of the constitution and laws of this
21 state and the rules and procedures of the legislature with respect
22 to the notice, introduction, and passage of this Act are fulfilled
23 and accomplished.

24 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.