

1-1 By: Huffman, Hegar S.B. No. 683  
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1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the composition of the board of directors of the Gulf  
1-9 Coast Water Authority.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Sections 5 and 5(a), Chapter 712, Acts of the  
1-12 59th Legislature, Regular Session, 1965, are amended to read as  
1-13 follows:

1-14 Sec. 5. The management and control of the District is hereby  
1-15 vested in a Board of nine [~~seven (7)~~] directors. The seven  
1-16 directors appointed by the Commissioners Court of Galveston County  
1-17 shall represent the geographic and ethnic diversity of the county.  
1-18 Vacancies on the Board of Directors, whether by death, resignation  
1-19 or termination of the term of office, shall be filled by appointment  
1-20 by the commissioners court that appointed the director  
1-21 [~~Commissioners Court of Galveston County~~]. All terms of office  
1-22 shall be for a period of two (2) years. Terms shall be staggered [~~so~~  
1-23 ~~that the terms of three (3) directors expire one year and the terms~~  
1-24 ~~of four (4) directors expire the next year~~]. Three (3) of the  
1-25 members appointed by the Commissioners Court of Galveston County  
1-26 shall be registered professional engineers under the laws of Texas.

1-27 Sec. 5(a). One (1) director of the District shall be  
1-28 appointed by the Commissioners Court of Galveston County upon the  
1-29 recommendation of the City Council of the City of Galveston. Six of  
1-30 the remaining [~~The remaining six (6)~~] directors shall be appointed  
1-31 by the Commissioners Court of Galveston County with two directors  
1-32 appointed at-large and the remaining four of those directors  
1-33 appointed on the written recommendation of advisory committees  
1-34 appointed by the Board of Directors of the Gulf Coast Water  
1-35 Authority. Two of those directors shall be recommended by the  
1-36 Mainland Municipal Advisory Committee and two of those directors  
1-37 shall be recommended by the Industrial Advisory Committee. The  
1-38 Commissioners Court of Galveston County is entitled to accept or  
1-39 reject the recommendations made to the court by the advisory  
1-40 committees. If a recommendation made by an advisory committee is  
1-41 rejected, the advisory committee shall submit additional  
1-42 recommendations to the court.

1-43 The Industrial Advisory Committee is composed of one  
1-44 representative of each industrial customer of the Gulf Coast Water  
1-45 Authority. The Mainland Municipal Advisory Committee is composed  
1-46 of one representative of each municipal or water district customer  
1-47 of the Gulf Coast Water Authority that contracts for [~~uses~~]  
1-48 than 2 million gallons of water a day. The names of the  
1-49 representatives of each of the committees shall be submitted to the  
1-50 Board of Directors of the Gulf Coast Water Authority by the  
1-51 respective industrial and municipal or water district customers.  
1-52 The directors of the Gulf Coast Water Authority shall submit the  
1-53 names of the advisory committee members to the Commissioners Court  
1-54 of Galveston County, which shall record the names in the minutes of  
1-55 the court.

1-56 One director shall be appointed by the Commissioners Court of  
1-57 Fort Bend County to represent District customers in that county.  
1-58 The director must be recommended by one or more of those customers  
1-59 and reside in that county.

1-60 One director shall be appointed by the Commissioners Court of  
1-61 Brazoria County to represent District customers in that county.  
1-62 The director must be recommended by one or more of those customers  
1-63 and reside in that county.

1-64 SECTION 2. (a) The legal notice of the intention to

2-1 introduce this Act, setting forth the general substance of this  
2-2 Act, has been published as provided by law, and the notice and a  
2-3 copy of this Act have been furnished to all persons, agencies,  
2-4 officials, or entities to which they are required to be furnished  
2-5 under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, and Chapter 313,  
2-6 Government Code.

2-7 (b) The governor has submitted the notice and Act to the  
2-8 Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

2-9 (c) The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has filed  
2-10 its recommendations relating to this Act with the governor,  
2-11 lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house of representatives  
2-12 within the required time.

2-13 (d) All requirements of the constitution and laws of this  
2-14 state and the rules and procedures of the legislature with respect  
2-15 to the notice, introduction, and passage of this Act are fulfilled  
2-16 and accomplished.

2-17 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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