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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

relating to the election of directors of the Real-Edwards 1-8 1-9 Conservation and Reclamation District.

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

SECTION 1. Section 11, Chapter 341, Acts of the 56th Legislature, Regular Session, 1959, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 11. (a) The government and control of the District shall be vested in a Board of Directors consisting of nine  $[\frac{(9)}{}]$ members. Directors serve staggered four-year terms expiring on January 1 of odd-numbered years.

(b) The District shall hold an election on the uniform

election date in November of each even-numbered year to elect the appropriate number of Directors [There shall be held in the District on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in each even-numbered year an election within the District for the selection of Directors to succeed those whose terms expire on said date. Such election shall be held in such voting boxes designated by the Board of Directors, and notice of such election shall be given by the Secretary of the Board of Directors by posting in three (3) public places within the District a copy of the order of the Board of Directors directing the time and places of holding the election. No person shall be selected a Director unless he be above the age of twenty-one (21) years and a resident within the territorial limits of the District].

(b-1) An applicant to be a candidate for election as a Director must indicate on the application either:

(1) the position number of the District that the person seeks to represent; or

(2) that the person seeks to run at large.

(b-2) To be eligible to be a candidate for Director position number 1, 3, 5, or 7, a person must be a registered voter in Edwards County.

(b-3) To be eligible to be a candidate for Director position number 2, 4, 6, or 8, a person must be a registered voter in Real County.

To be eligible to be a candidate for the at-large position, a person must be a registered voter in the District.

(c) Any vacancy occurring in the membership of the Board of Directors shall be filled by the remaining members of the Board for the unexpired term of such office.

(d) Before entering upon the duties of [his] office, each member of the Board of Directors shall take the Constitutional oath of office.

SECTION 2. (a) A member of the board of directors of the Real-Edwards Conservation and Reclamation District serving on the effective date of this Act shall continue in office until the member's successor qualifies for office.

(b) At the election held November 6, 2012, four directors

shall be elected from positions 1, 2, 3, and 4.

(c) At the election held November 4, 2014, four directors shall be elected from position numbers 5, 6, 7, and 8 and one director shall be elected at large.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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