

AN ACT

relating to the selection of certain members of the board of directors of an appraisal district.

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

SECTION 1. Subsections (c) and (e), Section 6.03, Tax Code, are amended to read as follows:

(c) Members of the board of directors other than a county assessor-collector serving as a nonvoting director are appointed by vote of the governing bodies of the incorporated cities and towns, the school districts, the junior college districts, and, if entitled to vote, the conservation and reclamation districts that participate in the district and of the county. A governing body may cast all its votes for one candidate or distribute them among candidates for any number of directorships. Conservation and reclamation districts are not entitled to vote unless at least one conservation and reclamation district in the district delivers to the chief appraiser a written request to nominate and vote on the board of directors by June 1 of each odd-numbered year. On receipt of a request, the chief appraiser shall certify a list by June 15 of all eligible conservation and reclamation districts that are imposing taxes and that participate in the district.

(e) The chief appraiser shall calculate the number of votes to which each taxing unit other than a conservation and reclamation district is entitled and shall deliver written notice to each of

1 those units of its voting entitlement before October 1 of each  
2 odd-numbered year. The chief appraiser shall deliver the notice:

3 (1) to the county judge and each commissioner of the  
4 county served by the appraisal district;

5 (2) to the presiding officer of the governing body of  
6 each city or town participating in the appraisal district, to the  
7 city manager of each city or town having a city manager, and to the  
8 city secretary or clerk, if there is one, of each city or town that  
9 does not have a city manager; ~~and~~

10 (3) to the presiding officer of the governing body of  
11 each school district participating in the district and to the  
12 superintendent of those school districts; and

13 (4) to the presiding officer of the governing body of  
14 each junior college district participating in the district and to  
15 the president, chancellor, or other chief executive officer of  
16 those junior college districts.

17 SECTION 2. Section 6.031, Tax Code, is amended by adding  
18 Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

19 (b-1) If an appraisal district increases the number of  
20 members on the board of directors of the district or changes the  
21 method or procedure for appointing the members as provided by this  
22 section, the board of directors by resolution shall provide for the  
23 junior college districts that participate in the appraisal district  
24 to collectively participate in the selection of directors in the  
25 same manner as the school district that imposes the lowest total  
26 dollar amount of property taxes in the appraisal district among all  
27 of the school districts with representation in the appraisal

1 district. A resolution adopted under this section is not subject to  
2 rejection by a resolution opposing the change filed with the board  
3 of directors by a taxing unit under Subsection (a).

4 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
5 to the selection of appraisal district directors for terms  
6 beginning on or after January 1, 2014. The change in law made by  
7 this Act does not affect the selection of appraisal district  
8 directors for terms beginning before that date.

9 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
10 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
11 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
12 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
13 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 359 passed the Senate on March 13, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; May 21, 2013, Senate refused to concur in House amendments and requested appointment of Conference Committee; May 22, 2013, House granted request of the Senate; May 26, 2013, Senate adopted Conference Committee Report by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 359 passed the House, with amendments, on May 17, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 134, Nays 0, two present not voting; May 22, 2013, House granted request of the Senate for appointment of Conference Committee; May 26, 2013, House adopted Conference Committee Report by the following vote: Yeas 140, Nays 0, one present not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Date

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Governor