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S.B. No. 359

Substitute the following for S.B. No. 359:

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C.S.S.B. No. 359

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the selection of certain members of the board of
3 directors of an appraisal district.

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

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

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

22 (e) The chief appraiser shall calculate the number of votes
23 to which each taxing unit other than a conservation and reclamation
24 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 that participate in the appraisal district.

1 A resolution adopted under this section is not subject to rejection
2 by a resolution opposing the change filed with the board of
3 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.