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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. Sections 6.03(c) and (e), Tax Code, are amended  
6 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. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
18 to the selection of appraisal district directors for terms  
19 beginning on or after January 1, 2014. The change in law made by  
20 this Act does not affect the selection of appraisal district  
21 directors for terms beginning before that date.

22 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
23 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
24 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
25 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
26 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.