1-1 S.B. No. 1577 By: Fraser (In the Senate - Filed March 8, 2013; March 12, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on Business and Commerce; March 27, 2013, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; March 27, 2013, sent to printer.) 1-2 1-3 1-4 1-5

1-6	COMMITTEE VOTE				
1-7		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	Carona	Х			
1-9	Taylor	Х			
1-10	Eltife	Х			
1-11	Estes	Х			
1-12	Hancock	Х			
1-13	Lucio	Х			
1-14	Van de Putte	Х			
1-15	Watson	Х			
1-16	Whitmire	Х			

## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

1-19 relating to the election of directors of certain electric cooperatives. 1-20 1-21

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

1-22 1-23 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 161, Utilities Code, is amended by adding Section 161.0721 to read as follows:

Sec. 161.0721. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS IN CERTAIN LARGE 1-24 1-25 COOPERATIVES. (a) This section applies only to an electric cooperative with more than 180,000 members that is partially located in a county with a population of more than one million and less than 1.5 million. 1-26 1-27 1-28

1-29 (b) Directors may be elected only by district. The board establish single-member districts from which the directors 1-30 shall are to be elected. In establishing districts, the board shall attempt to have directors represent geographic areas with equal numbers of people. 1-31 1-32 1-33

(c) A member may vote for a director to represent a district 1-34 only if the member resides in that district. 1-35

SECTION 2. The changes in law made by Section 161.0721, Utilities Code, as added by this Act, apply only to a director election held on or after the effective date of this Act. A 1-36 1-37 1-38 Α 1-39 director election held before the effective date of this Act is 1-40 subject to the law in effect on the date the election is held, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose. 1-41 1-42

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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