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H.B. No. 2361

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the service areas of certain junior college districts.

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

SECTION 1. Section 130.168, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 130.168. BLINN JUNIOR COLLEGE DISTRICT SERVICE AREA. The service area of the Blinn College District includes the territory within:

(1) Washington, Burleson, Brazos, Madison, and Grimes [~~, and Waller~~] counties;

(2) the Mumford, Hearne, and Franklin independent school districts located in Robertson County;

(3) Austin County, other than the territory within the Brazos [~~Wallis Orchard~~] Independent School District;

(4) the Milano and Gause independent school districts located in Milam County;

(5) the part of the Richards Independent School District that is located in Walker and Montgomery counties;

(6) the part of the Bryan Independent School District that is located in Robertson County;

(7) Fayette County, other than the territory within the Smithville Independent School District;

(8) Lee County, other than the territory within the Elgin Independent School District; and

1 (9) the part of the Lexington Independent School
2 District that is located in Bastrop, Milam, and Williamson
3 counties.

4 SECTION 2. Section 130.191, Education Code, is amended to
5 read as follows:

6 Sec. 130.191. LONE STAR COLLEGE SYSTEM DISTRICT SERVICE
7 AREA. The service area of the Lone Star College System District
8 includes the territory within:

9 (1) the Aldine, Conroe, Cypress-Fairbanks, Humble,
10 New Caney, Spring, Tomball, Magnolia, Willis, Montgomery,
11 Splendora, Cleveland, Tarkington, and Klein independent school
12 districts; ~~and~~

13 (2) the Huntsville and New Waverly independent school
14 districts in Walker County; and

15 (3) Waller County, other than the territory within the
16 Katy Independent School District.

17 SECTION 3. Section 130.211, Education Code, is amended to
18 read as follows:

19 Sec. 130.211. WHARTON COUNTY JUNIOR COLLEGE DISTRICT
20 SERVICE AREA. The service area of the Wharton County Junior College
21 District includes the territory within:

22 (1) Wharton County;

23 (2) the Needville Independent School District in Fort
24 Bend County;

25 (3) the Brazos ~~[Wallis-Orchard]~~ Independent School
26 District located in Austin County;

27 (4) the Columbus and Weimar ~~[Weimer]~~ independent

1 school districts located in Colorado County;

2 (5) the Rice Consolidated Independent School District
3 located in Colorado County;

4 (6) the [~~Kendleton~~ and] Lamar Consolidated
5 Independent School District [~~independent school districts~~] located
6 in Fort Bend County;

7 (7) the Bay City, Boling, Matagorda, Palacios,
8 Tidehaven, and Van Vleck independent school districts located in
9 Matagorda County;

10 (8) the Ganado Independent School District located in
11 Jackson County; and

12 (9) the incorporated area and extraterritorial
13 jurisdiction of the City of Sugar Land located in Fort Bend County.

14 SECTION 4. The change in law made by this Act applies
15 beginning with the 2015 fall semester, except that during the
16 2015-2016 academic year the Blinn Junior College District may
17 continue to treat the area removed by this Act from the district's
18 service area as if the area were still in the district's service
19 area as necessary to avoid an unreasonable interruption of junior
20 college services in the area.

21 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
22 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
23 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
24 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
25 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.