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H.B. No. 3004

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the authority of certain independent school districts  
3 to change the length of the terms of office for the board of  
4 trustees of the district.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 11.059(e), Education Code, is amended to  
7 read as follows:

8 (e) Except as provided by Section 11.0591, not ~~[Not]~~ later  
9 than December 31, 2011, the board of trustees may adopt a resolution  
10 changing the length of the terms of its trustees. The resolution  
11 must provide for staggered terms of either three or four years and  
12 specify the manner in which the transition from the length of the  
13 former term to the modified term is made. The transition must begin  
14 with the first regular election for trustees that occurs after  
15 January 1, 2012, and a trustee who serves on that date shall serve  
16 the remainder of that term. This subsection expires January 1,  
17 2017.

18 SECTION 2. Subchapter C, Chapter 11, Education Code, is  
19 amended by adding Section 11.0591 to read as follows:

20 Sec. 11.0591. TERMS FOR CERTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICTS. (a) This  
21 section applies only to a school district that is located in a  
22 county that is:

23 (1) adjacent to a county with a population of at least  
24 1.7 million;

1           (2) less than 150 miles from an international border  
2 and the Gulf of Mexico; and

3           (3) located along State Highway 16.

4           (b) The board of trustees of a school district subject to  
5 this section may adopt a resolution changing the length of the terms  
6 of its trustees. The resolution must provide for staggered terms of  
7 either three or four years and specify the manner in which the  
8 transition from the length of the former term to the modified term  
9 is made.

10           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
11 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
12 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
13 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
14 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.