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H.B. No. 4130

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the qualifications and method of electing directors of the Jonah Water Special Utility District.

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

SECTION 1. Subtitle C, Title 6, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Chapter 7218 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 7218. JONAH WATER SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT

SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 7218.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

(1) "Board" means the board of directors of the district.

(2) "Director" means a member of the board.

(3) "District" means the Jonah Water Special Utility District.

SUBCHAPTER B. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sec. 7218.051. COMPOSITION OF BOARD. The district is governed by a board of nine directors.

Sec. 7218.052. DIRECTOR ELIGIBILITY. To be eligible to be listed on the ballot as a candidate for or to serve as a director, a person must be:

(1) a resident of the district; and

(2) a retail water or sewer service customer of the district.

Sec. 7218.053. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS FROM SINGLE-MEMBER

1 DISTRICTS. (a) The board by rule may provide for the election of
2 some or all of the directors from single-member districts.

3 (b) In addition to the qualifications required by Section
4 7218.052, if the board provides for the election of some or all of
5 the directors from single-member districts, to be eligible to be
6 listed on the ballot as a candidate for or to serve as a director
7 from a single-member district, a person must be a resident of that
8 district.

9 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by Sections 7218.052 and
10 7218.053, Special District Local Laws Code, as added by this Act, do
11 not affect the entitlement of a member serving on the board of
12 directors of the Jonah Water Special Utility District immediately
13 before the effective date of this Act to continue to carry out the
14 board's functions for the remainder of the member's term. The
15 changes in law apply only to a member elected on or after the
16 effective date of this Act. This Act does not prohibit a person who
17 is a member of the board on the effective date of this Act from being
18 reelected to the board if the person has the qualifications
19 required for a member under Sections 7218.052 and 7218.053, Special
20 District Local Laws Code, as added by this Act.

21 SECTION 3. (a) The legal notice of the intention to
22 introduce this Act, setting forth the general substance of this
23 Act, has been published as provided by law, and the notice and a
24 copy of this Act have been furnished to all persons, agencies,
25 officials, or entities to which they are required to be furnished
26 under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, and Chapter 313,
27 Government Code.

1 (b) The governor, one of the required recipients, has
2 submitted the notice and Act to the Texas Commission on
3 Environmental Quality.

4 (c) The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has filed
5 its recommendations relating to this Act with the governor, the
6 lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of
7 representatives within the required time.

8 (d) All requirements of the constitution and laws of this
9 state and the rules and procedures of the legislature with respect
10 to the notice, introduction, and passage of this Act are fulfilled
11 and accomplished.

12 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.