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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution

April 18, 2017

The Honorable Dan Patrick
Lieutenant Governor of Texas
Capitol Station
PO Box 12068
Austin, Texas 78711

Re: Responsibility of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Pursuant to Article XVI, Section 59(d), Texas Constitution.

Senate Bill (SB) 726, as Filed by Senator Kel Seliger - relating to elections held by the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District.

Dear Governor Patrick:

The following comments are provided pursuant to the Constitutional requirements referenced above. Under those requirements, the TCEQ must submit, to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the House of Representatives, the TCEQ's recommendations on specific legislation affecting water districts. We recommend that these comments be considered in the evaluation of the proposed legislation.

The bill amends Section 1B(b) and (c), Chapter 19, Acts of the 55th Legislature, Regular Session, 1957, that created the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District (District), located in Roberts, Wheeler, Gray, Carson, Donley, and portions of Armstrong, Potter and Hutchinson Counties. The bill changes the District board of director election date from the third Saturday in January in each even numbered year to the uniform election date in May of each odd-numbered year. The bill removes reference to Chapter 51 of the Texas Water Code, to reference only the Texas Election Code.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kim Wilson".

Kim Wilson, Director
Water Availability Division

cc: The Honorable Charles Perry, Chairman, Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water, and Rural Affairs
Senator Kel Seliger, Texas Senate

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL
TEXAS SENATE
STATE OF TEXAS

SB 726

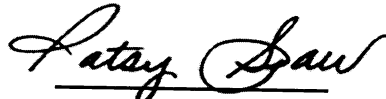
Bill Number

TO: The Honorable Governor of Texas
SUBJECT: A Bill Relating to a Conservation and Reclamation District

This is to transmit to you and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality copies of a bill relating to a conservation and reclamation district and copies of the notice of intention to introduce the bill. One copy is for your files and one for you to forward to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, under Section 59(d), Article XVI, Constitution of the State of Texas.

3/14/2017

Date transmitted to
Governor's Office


Secretary of the Senate

TO: Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
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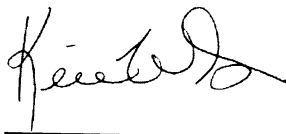
March 24, 2017

Date transmitted to
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality


Governor

TO: The Honorable President of the Senate
The Honorable Speaker of the House of Representatives
The Honorable Governor of Texas
SUBJECT: A Bill Relating to a Conservation and Reclamation District

Attached are recommendations of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality in compliance with Section 59(d), Article XVI, Constitution of the State of Texas.


Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

By: Seliger

S.B. No. 726

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to elections held by the Panhandle Groundwater
3 Conservation District.

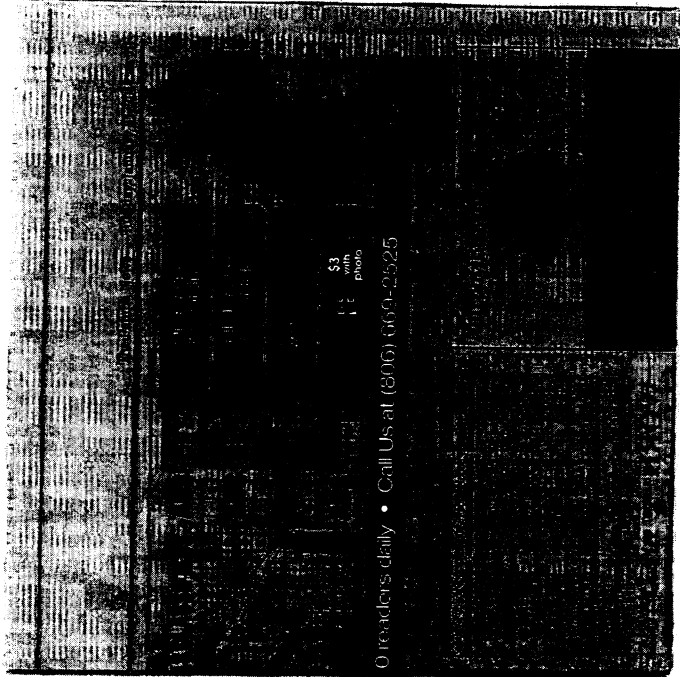
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Sections 1B(b) and (c), Chapter 19, Acts of the
6 55th Legislature, Regular Session, 1957, are amended to read as
7 follows:

8 (b) A directors' election shall be held on the uniform
9 election date in May [~~third Saturday in January~~] in each
10 odd-numbered [~~even-numbered~~] year to elect the appropriate number
11 of directors.

12 (c) Except as provided by this section, a directors'
13 election is held as provided by [~~Chapter 51, Water Code, and~~] the
14 [~~Texas~~] Election Code.

15 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.



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**AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION
STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF GRAY**

Before me, the undersigned authority, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, the day personally appeared **CAROL HALE**, known to me, and who acknowledged to me that she is the author of the foregoing instrument, and that she executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

I, **Notary Public**, in and for said County and State, do hereby certify that she is the author of the foregoing instrument, and that she executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

My commission expires on the **30th** day of **March**, **2017**.

Notary Public in and for said County and State.

In the County of Gray, State of Texas, this **31st** day of **January**, **2017**, at **Gray**, Texas, I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that the foregoing instrument was executed by the person whose name appears thereon for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Carol Hale
Business Manager
THE PAMPA NEWS

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this the **31st** day of **Jan**, **2017** A.D.

Patricia G. Gault
Notary Public

Patricia G. Gault, Notary Public



AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF CARSON
BLCOK

Before me, the undersigned authority, of this day, personally appeared Shawn Wink, who being duly sworn, deposes and says that (s)he is the Owner/Publisher of the Panhandle Herald/White Deer News; that said newspaper is generally circulated in Panhandle and White Deer, Texas; that attached notice was published in said newspaper on the following date(s):

JANUARY 26, 2017; CHANGE OF ELECTION; 132 WORDS @ \$.35 PER WORD;
PAGE 23

Shawn L. Wink
(Newspaper Representative's Signature)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 26th day of January, 2017 to certify which witness my hand and seal of office.

Dani McMen
Notary Public and for the State Public

(SEAL)



My Commission Expires: 2-10-18

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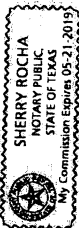
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The State Of Texas
County of Carson and Gray

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Macee M. Rocha, editor of The Groom News, The McLean News, and The Lefors News, a newspaper published in the English language and of general circulation in cities of Groom, McLean and Lefors, Texas and in the Counties of Carson, Gray, and Donley does attest the following public notice/ad was published in said publication on the following January 26th 2017 and that the attached newspaper clipping is a true and correct copy of the said published notice.

Signed: Macee M Rocha

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, this in the 26 day of January, 2017

 SHERRY ROCHA
NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF TEXAS
My Commission Expires 05-21-2019

Sherry Rocha
Notary Public In and for Carson County, TX

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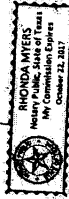
I solemnly swear that the attached notice was published once in the *County Star-News*, a newspaper printed in Wheeler County, Texas, and of general circulation in said County, as provided for the service of citation or notice by publication, and the date that the issue of said newspaper bore in which said notice was published was January 26, 2017.

Michelle Walden

Michelle Walden
Office Manager

I, Michelle Walden, this 30th day of January, 2017, to certify which witness my hand and seal of office.

Michelle Walden
Notary Public, State of Texas



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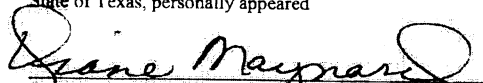
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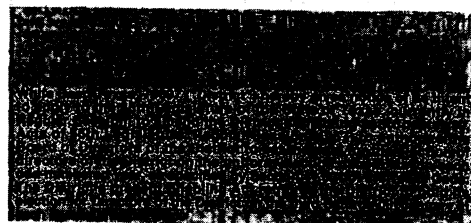
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PANHANDLE GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
PO BOX 637
WHITE DEER TX 79097

REFERENCE: 1000503097
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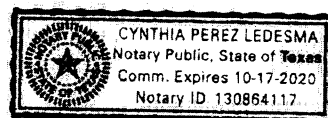
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BEFORE ME, a Notary Public in and for the
State of Texas, personally appeared

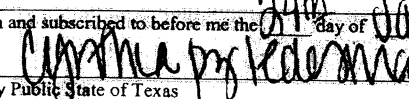

LEGAL CLERK of the Amarillo Globe News Publishing
Company, after being by me duly sworn did dispose and
state that the above statement is true and correct and the
attached was published on the dates set forth therein.



PUBLISHED ON: 01/22

FILED ON: 01/22/2017



Sworn and subscribed to before me the 24th day of January 17

Notary Public, State of Texas

