## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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S.B. 726 By: Seliger Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs 3/16/2017 As Filed

## **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

S.B. 726 amends the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District's enabling legislation to change the election date for the board of directors to the uniform election date. It also cleans up statutory references to reflect changes in the relevant governing code and chapter.

As proposed, S.B. 726 amends current law relating to elections held by the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District.

## **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

## **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Sections 1B(b) and (c), Chapter 19, Acts of the 55th Legislature, Regular Session, 1957, as follows:

- (b) Requires elections for members of the board of directors of the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District Number Three (directors) to be held on the uniform election date in May in each odd-numbered year, rather than the third Saturday in January in each even-numbered year.
- (c) Provides that, except as provided by this section, a directors' election is held as provided by the Election Code, rather than as provided by Chapter 51 (Water Control and Improvement Districts), Water Code, and the Texas Election Code.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2017.