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H.B. No. 1019

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to residency requirements for voting in certain municipal utility district elections.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 54, Water Code, is amended by adding Section 54.026 to read as follows:

Sec. 54.026. ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE IN CONFIRMATION ELECTION.

To be eligible to vote in an election to confirm the creation of a district, a person must reside in the district for at least one year immediately preceding the date of the election.

SECTION 2. Subchapter F, Chapter 54, Water Code, is amended by adding Section 54.506 to read as follows:

Sec. 54.506. ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE IN CERTAIN BOND ELECTIONS.

To be eligible to vote in an election authorizing a district's first issuance of bonds payable wholly or partly from ad valorem taxes, a person must reside in the district for at least one year immediately preceding the date of the election.

SECTION 3. (a) Section 54.026, Water Code, as added by this Act, applies only to a confirmation election ordered on or after the effective date of this Act.

(b) Section 54.506, Water Code, as added by this Act, applies only to a bond election ordered on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

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1 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
2 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
3 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
4 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.