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H.B. No. 1982

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the board of directors of the Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 6(a) and (c), Chapter 1321, Acts of the 77th Legislature, Regular Session, 2001, are amended to read as follows:

(a) The district is governed by a board of five elected ~~[nine]~~ directors.

(c) Permanent directors serve staggered four-year terms. A director may not serve more than three full terms.

SECTION 2. The heading to Section 7, Chapter 1321, Acts of the 77th Legislature, Regular Session, 2001, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 7. ~~[APPOINTMENT OF]~~ DIRECTORS.

SECTION 3. Section 7(a), Chapter 1321, Acts of the 77th Legislature, Regular Session, 2001, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The members of the board are elected ~~[appointed]~~ as follows:

(1) one director is elected from each of the four county commissioners precincts by the voters of the applicable precinct to be designated as the director whose place number matches the applicable precinct number ~~[the Commissioners Court of Montgomery County shall appoint two directors]~~; and

1 (2) one director is elected by the voters of the
2 district at large to be designated as the director for place number
3 five [~~the board of directors of the Montgomery County Soil and Water~~
4 ~~Conservation District shall appoint one director;~~

5 [~~(3) the board of directors of the San Jacinto River~~
6 ~~Authority shall appoint one director;~~

7 [~~(4) the mayor of the City of Conroe shall appoint one~~
8 ~~director;~~

9 [~~(5) the mayors of all of the incorporated~~
10 ~~municipalities, other than the City of Conroe, located in whole or~~
11 ~~in part in Montgomery County, jointly shall appoint one director;~~

12 [~~(6) the board of trustees of the Woodlands Joint~~
13 ~~Powers Agency shall appoint one director;~~

14 [~~(7) the boards of directors of all of the municipal~~
15 ~~utility districts located in whole or in part in Montgomery County~~
16 ~~that are not members of the Woodlands Joint Powers Agency and the~~
17 ~~district boundaries of which are located primarily to the east of~~
18 ~~Interstate Highway 45 jointly shall appoint one director; and~~

19 [~~(8) the boards of directors of all of the municipal~~
20 ~~utility districts located in whole or in part in Montgomery County~~
21 ~~that are not members of the Woodlands Joint Powers Agency and the~~
22 ~~district boundaries of which are located primarily to the west of~~
23 ~~Interstate Highway 45 jointly shall appoint one director].~~

24 SECTION 4. Chapter 1321, Acts of the 77th Legislature,
25 Regular Session, 2001, is amended by adding Section 7A to read as
26 follows:

27 Sec. 7A. TEMPORARY PROVISION. (a) A director of the board

1 of the Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District who is serving
2 on August 31, 2017, shall serve until the director's successor has
3 qualified following the directors' election held on the uniform
4 election date in November 2018.

5 (b) After the November 2018 election, the precinct 1
6 director and the at-large director shall serve a term that expires
7 December 1 of the second year after the date of the election and the
8 directors of precincts 2, 3, and 4 shall serve a term that expires
9 December 1 of the fourth year after the date of that election. The
10 initial two-year terms of the precinct 1 director and the at-large
11 director do not count toward the term limitation provided by
12 Section 7(a) of this Act.

13 (c) This section expires September 1, 2024.

14 SECTION 5. Sections 7(b), (c), and (d), Chapter 1321, Acts
15 of the 77th Legislature, Regular Session, 2001, are repealed.

16 SECTION 6. (a) The legal notice of the intention to
17 introduce this Act, setting forth the general substance of this
18 Act, has been published as provided by law, and the notice and a
19 copy of this Act have been furnished to all persons, agencies,
20 officials, or entities to which they are required to be furnished
21 under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, and Chapter 313,
22 Government Code.

23 (b) The governor, one of the required recipients, has
24 submitted the notice and Act to the Texas Commission on
25 Environmental Quality.

26 (c) The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has filed
27 its recommendations relating to this Act with the governor, the

1 lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of
2 representatives within the required time.

3 (d) All requirements of the constitution and laws of this
4 state and the rules and procedures of the legislature with respect
5 to the notice, introduction, and passage of this Act are fulfilled
6 and accomplished.

7 SECTION 7. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.