

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 seven 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]~~;

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;

4           (3) one director is elected from the City of Conroe by  
5 the voters of that municipality; and

6           (4) one director is elected from The Woodlands  
7 Township by the voters of that township [~~the board of directors of~~  
8 ~~the Montgomery County Soil and Water Conservation District shall~~  
9 ~~appoint one director;~~

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

12           [~~(4) the mayor of the City of Conroe shall appoint one~~  
13 ~~director;~~

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

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

19           [~~(7) 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 east of~~  
23 ~~Interstate Highway 45 jointly shall appoint one director; and~~

24           [~~(8) the boards of directors of all of the municipal~~  
25 ~~utility districts located in whole or in part in Montgomery County~~  
26 ~~that are not members of the Woodlands Joint Powers Agency and the~~  
27 ~~district boundaries of which are located primarily to the west of~~

1 ~~Interstate Highway 45 jointly shall appoint one director].~~

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

5 Sec. 7A. TEMPORARY PROVISION. (a) A director of the board  
6 of the Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District who is serving  
7 on August 31, 2017, shall serve until the director's successor has  
8 qualified following the directors' election held on the uniform  
9 election date in November 2018.

10 (b) After the November 2018 election, the precinct 1  
11 director, the at-large director, and the director elected by the  
12 City of Conroe shall serve a term that expires December 1 of the  
13 second year after the date of the election and the directors of  
14 precincts 2, 3, and 4 and the director elected by The Woodlands  
15 Township shall serve a term that expires December 1 of the fourth  
16 year after the date of that election. The initial two-year terms of  
17 the precinct 1 director, the at-large director, and the director  
18 elected by the City of Conroe do not count toward the term  
19 limitation provided by Section 6(c) of this Act.

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

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

23 SECTION 6. (a) The legal notice of the intention to  
24 introduce this Act, setting forth the general substance of this  
25 Act, has been published as provided by law, and the notice and a  
26 copy of this Act have been furnished to all persons, agencies,  
27 officials, or entities to which they are required to be furnished

1 under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, and Chapter 313,  
2 Government Code.

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

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

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

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

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1982 was passed by the House on April 20, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 1, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1982 on May 5, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1982 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 4, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor