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H.B. No. 2593

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to franchises granted by navigation districts.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 61.164(b) and (d), Water Code, are amended to read as follows:

(b) No franchise shall be granted for longer than 50 [~~30~~] years nor shall a franchise be granted except on the affirmative vote of a majority of the commissioners at three separate meetings of the commission which meetings may not be closer together than one week. The third meeting at which the commission votes to grant a franchise may not take place before the date the notice required by Subsection (c) is published for the third time.

(d) The franchise shall require the grantee to file a a [~~his or their~~] written acceptance within 30 days after the franchise is finally approved by the commission. Unless the district and the grantee agree on a later date, the effective date of the franchise is the date the grantee files the written acceptance with the commission.

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