

AN ACT

relating to the dissolution of a levee improvement district by a commissioners court.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter I, Chapter 57, Water Code, is amended by adding Section 57.3295 to read as follows:

Sec. 57.3295. DISSOLUTION OF DISTRICT BY COMMISSIONERS COURT WITHOUT PETITION. (a) The commissioners court of a county that contains a portion of the Trinity River may dissolve a district at any time if the court finds the following:

(1) the district has been dormant for more than five years;

(2) the physical boundaries of the district cannot be determined;

(3) the board of directors of the district is not active, or cannot be determined;

(4) property owners of the district cannot be determined; or

(5) a levee partially or completely inside the boundaries of the district has received a rating of unacceptable from the United States Army Corps of Engineers and the district has not undertaken, attempted to undertake, or made plans to undertake reasonable efforts to address the concerns of the United States Army Corps of Engineers.

1 (b) The commissioners court shall hold a public hearing
2 before voting on a dissolution order. The hearing must be held not
3 later than the seventh day before the date the dissolution order is
4 subject to a vote by the commissioners court.

5 (c) Notice of the public hearing must be published in a
6 regularly circulated newspaper within the county not later than the
7 seventh day before the date the public hearing is scheduled to
8 occur.

9 (d) If the commissioners court votes to dissolve the
10 district, the commissioners court shall appoint the chairman of the
11 board or some other suitable person as trustee to close the affairs
12 of the district without delay, and shall determine the length of the
13 term and the amount of compensation for the trustee.

14 (e) A district may not be dissolved under this section if
15 the district:

16 (1) has any outstanding bonds or other indebtedness
17 until that indebtedness has been repaid or defeased in accordance
18 with the order or resolution authorizing the issuance of the bonds;
19 or

20 (2) has a contractual obligation to pay money until
21 that obligation has been paid fully in accordance with the
22 contract.

23 (f) This section applies only to a commissioners court of a
24 county that:

25 (1) has a population of not less than 2.2 million and
26 that is adjacent to a county with a population of not less than 1.8
27 million;

1 (2) has a population of not more than 200,000 and that
2 contains a portion of Joe Pool Lake;

3 (3) has a population of not less than 47,000 and that
4 contains a portion of the Richland Chambers Reservoir; or

5 (4) has a population of not less than 100,000 and that
6 contains a portion of the Cedar Creek Reservoir.

7 SECTION 2. The heading to Section 57.322, Water Code, is
8 amended to read as follows:

9 Sec. 57.322. REQUIREMENTS FOR DISSOLVING A DISTRICT BY
10 PETITION.

11 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2825 was passed by the House on April 20, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 2825 on May 24, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 1, 3 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2825 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 22, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor