By:  Shine, Buckley (Senate Sponsor - Buckingham) H.B. No. 1537

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COMMITTEE VOTE

               Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Perry           X

Creighton       X

Alvarado        X

Johnson         X

Kolkhorst       X

Rodríguez       X

Taylor                    X

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the terms and election of the members of the board of directors of the Elm Creek Watershed Authority.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 14, Chapter 273, Acts of the 55th Legislature, Regular Session, 1957, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 14.  (a) The Board of Directors of the Authority is composed [~~shall be comprised~~] of eight persons who serve staggered, four-year terms.

(b)  [~~Immediately after this Act becomes effective, the following named persons shall be the directors of the Authority and shall constitute the Board of Directors of said Authority:~~

[~~W. M. Evetts, Route 1, Moody, Texas;~~

[~~David Haggard, Route 4, Oenaville, Texas;~~

[~~J. W. Holmes, Route 2, Rogers, Texas;~~

[~~Buster Griffin, Buckholts, Texas;~~

[~~Jim Reddin, Troy, Texas;~~

[~~Bartle Crenan, Cameron, Texas;~~

[~~Frank Maruna, Temple, Texas; and~~

[~~A. A. Stavinoha, Temple, Texas.~~

[~~The Board of Directors herein appointed shall serve until their successors have been duly elected and qualified. The first four directors named above shall serve until the second Tuesday in January, 1958, and the following four directors shall serve until the second Tuesday in January, 1959.~~] An election for directors shall be held on the uniform election date [~~second Tuesday~~] in November [~~January~~] of each odd-numbered year [~~and as herein provided. Four directors shall be elected in each even numbered year and four in each odd numbered year~~].

(c)  The directors of the Authority or of any subordinate district shall be landowners within the Authority and reside within Bell, Falls, Milam or McLennan Counties, and shall retain such status during their tenure in office or vacate such office.

SECTION 2.  (a) A director of the Elm Creek Watershed Authority elected in May 2019 shall serve until the director's successor has qualified following the directors' election held on the uniform election date in November 2023. A director elected on the uniform election date in November 2023 serves a four-year term.

(b)  A director of the Elm Creek Watershed Authority elected in 2018 shall serve until the director's successor has qualified following the directors' election held on the uniform election date in November 2021. A director elected to succeed that director serves a four-year term.

(c)  This section expires September 1, 2024.

SECTION 3.  (a) The legal notice of the intention to introduce this Act, setting forth the general substance of this Act, has been published as provided by law, and the notice and a copy of this Act have been furnished to all persons, agencies, officials, or entities to which they are required to be furnished under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, and Chapter 313, Government Code.

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

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

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

SECTION 4.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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