

By: Bell of Kaufman

H.B. No. 4617

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the qualifications and method of electing directors of the High Point Special Utility District of Kaufman and Rockwall Counties.

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

SECTION 1. Subtitle C, Title 6, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Chapter 7220 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 7220. HIGH POINT SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT OF KAUFMAN AND ROCKWALL COUNTIES

SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 7220.0101. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

(1) "Board" means the board of directors of the district.

(2) "Director" means a member of the board.

(3) "District" means the High Point Special Utility District of Kaufman and Rockwall Counties.

SUBCHAPTER B. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sec. 7220.0201. COMPOSITION OF BOARD. The district is governed by a board of seven directors.

Sec. 7220.0202. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS FROM SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS. (a) The board by rule may provide for the election of some or all of the directors from single-member districts.

(b) If the board provides for the election of some or all of the directors from single-member districts, to be eligible to be

1 listed on the ballot as a candidate for or to serve as a director
2 from a single-member district, a person must be a resident of that
3 district.

4 SECTION 2. The change in law made by Section 7220.0202,
5 Special District Local Laws Code, as added by this Act, does not
6 affect the entitlement of a member serving on the board of directors
7 of the High Point Special Utility District of Kaufman and Rockwall
8 Counties immediately before the effective date of this Act to
9 continue to carry out the board's functions for the remainder of the
10 member's term. The change in law applies only to a member elected
11 on or after the effective date of this Act. This Act does not
12 prohibit a person who is a member of the board on the effective date
13 of this Act from being reelected to the board if the person has the
14 qualifications required for a member under Section 7220.0202,
15 Special District Local Laws Code, as added by this Act.

16 SECTION 3. (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 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.