

Amend CSHB 2815 (house committee report) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Section 54.728, Water Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 54.728. CONSOLIDATION OF DISTRICTS. (a) Two or more districts governed by the provisions of this chapter may consolidate into one district as provided by Sections 54.729-54.733 of this code.

(b) One or more districts governed by the provisions of this chapter and one or more districts governed by the provisions of Chapter 375, Local Government Code, may consolidate into one district as provided by this subsection and Sections 54.729-54.733 of this code. The initial directors of the consolidated district shall be elected and serve terms as provided by Section 49.103 of this code. The consolidation agreement under this subsection may provide that the consolidated district continue operating with the powers, authorities, duties, responsibilities, and board of directors of one of the original districts before consolidation.

(c) After the initial election of directors, a district consolidated under Subsection (b) is governed as agreed by either:

(1) an elected board of directors, who must be elected at a general election in the manner and for the terms provided by Section 49.103; or

(2) an appointed board of directors, who must be appointed as provided under Chapter 375, Local Government Code.