

1-1 By: Burrows (Senate Sponsor - Perry) H.B. No. 1583
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 10, 2023;
1-3 May 11, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Local
1-4 Government; May 19, 2023, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 19, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	<u>X</u>			
1-9	<u>X</u>			
1-10	<u>X</u>			
1-11	<u>X</u>			
1-12	<u>X</u>			
1-13	<u>X</u>			
1-14	<u>X</u>			
1-15	<u>X</u>			
1-16	<u>X</u>			

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the election of the board of directors of the Terry
1-20 Memorial Hospital District.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 1105.051(a), Special District Local Laws
1-23 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-24 (a) The district is governed by a board of seven directors
1-25 elected from the district at large in the manner provided by Section
1-26 1105.0515.

1-27 SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 1105, Special District
1-28 Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Section 1105.0515 to read as
1-29 follows:

1-30 Sec. 1105.0515. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS BY CUMULATIVE VOTING.

1-31 (a) All directors shall be elected at large using the cumulative
1-32 voting procedure prescribed by this section.

1-33 (b) All director positions to be filled at the election
1-34 shall be voted on as one race by all qualified voters of the
1-35 district.

1-36 (c) Each voter is entitled to cast a number of votes equal to
1-37 the number of positions to be filled at the election, except that
1-38 the total number of votes cast by a voter may not exceed four. A
1-39 voter may cast one or more of the specified number of votes for any
1-40 one or more candidates in any combination. Only whole votes may be
1-41 cast and counted.

1-42 (d) If a voter casts more than the number of votes to which
1-43 the voter is entitled in the election, none of the voter's votes may
1-44 be counted in that election. If a voter casts fewer votes than
1-45 entitled, all of the voter's votes are counted in that election.

1-46 (e) The candidates who are elected are those, in the number
1-47 to be elected, receiving the highest numbers of votes.

1-48 (f) The secretary of state shall prescribe any additional
1-49 procedures necessary for the orderly and proper administration of
1-50 an election held in accordance with this section.

1-51 SECTION 3. Section 1105.052, Special District Local Laws
1-52 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-53 Sec. 1105.052. NOTICE OF ELECTION. Notice [At least 10 days
1-54 before the date] of a directors' election[, notice of the election]
1-55 must be published one time in a newspaper of general circulation in
1-56 Terry County in accordance with Section 4.003, Election Code.

1-57 SECTION 4. Section 1105.053, Special District Local Laws
1-58 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-59 Sec. 1105.053. BALLOT APPLICATION [PETITION]. A person who
1-60 wants to have the person's name printed on the ballot as a candidate
1-61 for director must file an application with the board secretary in

2-1 accordance with Chapter 144, Election Code [~~a petition requesting~~
2-2 ~~that action. The petition must be:~~
2-3 ~~[(1) signed by not fewer than 10 registered voters;~~
2-4 ~~and~~
2-5 ~~[(2) filed by the deadline imposed by Section 144.005,~~
2-6 ~~Election Code].~~
2-7 SECTION 5. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
2-8 an election ordered on or after the effective date of this Act.
2-9 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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