

By: Bell of Kaufman

H.B. No. 3881

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to board of directors meeting locations of certain rural  
3 area water districts.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 49.062, Water Code, is amended by  
6 amending Subsections (b) and (b-1) and adding Subsection (b-2) to  
7 read as follows:

8 (b) Except as provided by Subsection (b-2) [~~(b-1)~~], the  
9 board shall designate one or more places inside or outside the  
10 district for conducting the meetings of the board. The meeting  
11 place may be a private residence or office, provided that the board,  
12 in its order establishing the meeting place, declares the same to be  
13 a public place and invites the public to attend any meeting of the  
14 board. If the board establishes a meeting place or places outside  
15 the district, it shall give notice of the location or locations by  
16 filing a true copy of the resolution establishing the location or  
17 locations of the meeting place or places and a justification of why  
18 the meeting will not be held in the district or within 10 miles of  
19 the boundary of the district, if applicable, with the commission  
20 and also by publishing notice of the location or locations in a  
21 newspaper of general circulation in the district. If the location  
22 of any of the meeting places outside the district is changed, notice  
23 of the change shall be given in the same manner.

24 (b-1) In Subsection (b-2) [~~this subsection~~], "rural area

1 district" means a district:

2 (1) in which more than half of the district's projected  
3 retail water or sewer connections are active and that is not wholly  
4 or partly located in a county that as of the 2010 Census:

5 (A) had a population of 800,000 or more; or

6 (B) bordered a county with a population of  
7 800,000 or more; or

8 (2) wholly or partly located in a county with a  
9 population of more than 144,000 and less than 148,000.

10 (b-2) If the board of a rural area district conducts  
11 meetings at least quarterly, the board shall conduct a meeting at a  
12 designated meeting location inside the district or within 10 miles  
13 of the boundary of the district at least once per quarter. If the  
14 board determines that it is not practical to meet within 10 miles of  
15 the boundary of the district, the district may conduct the  
16 quarterly meeting at another designated meeting place in the county  
17 in which the district is located.

18 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.