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H.B. No. 4172

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the authority of the governing body of a hospital  
3 district to vote for candidates for director of the appraisal  
4 district in which the hospital district participates.

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

6 SECTION 1. Sections 6.03(c) and (e), Tax Code, are amended  
7 to read as follows:

8 (c) Members of the board of directors other than a county  
9 assessor-collector serving as a nonvoting director are appointed by  
10 vote of the governing bodies of the incorporated cities and towns,  
11 the school districts, the junior college districts, the hospital  
12 districts, and, if entitled to vote, the conservation and  
13 reclamation districts that participate in the district and of the  
14 county. A governing body may cast all its votes for one candidate  
15 or distribute them among candidates for any number of  
16 directorships. Conservation and reclamation districts are not  
17 entitled to vote unless at least one conservation and reclamation  
18 district in the district delivers to the chief appraiser a written  
19 request to nominate and vote on the board of directors by June 1 of  
20 each odd-numbered year. On receipt of a request, the chief  
21 appraiser shall certify a list by June 15 of all eligible  
22 conservation and reclamation districts that are imposing taxes and  
23 that participate in the district.

24 (e) The chief appraiser shall calculate the number of votes

1 to which each taxing unit other than a conservation and reclamation  
2 district is entitled and shall deliver written notice to each of  
3 those taxing units of its voting entitlement before October 1 of  
4 each odd-numbered year. The chief appraiser shall deliver the  
5 notice:

6 (1) to the county judge and each commissioner of the  
7 county served by the appraisal district;

8 (2) to the presiding officer of the governing body of  
9 each city or town participating in the appraisal district, to the  
10 city manager of each city or town having a city manager, and to the  
11 city secretary or clerk, if there is one, of each city or town that  
12 does not have a city manager;

13 (3) to the presiding officer of the governing body of  
14 each school district participating in the district and to the  
15 superintendent of those school districts; ~~and~~

16 (4) to the presiding officer of the governing body of  
17 each junior college district participating in the district and to  
18 the president, chancellor, or other chief executive officer of  
19 those junior college districts; and

20 (5) to the presiding officer of the governing body and  
21 the hospital administrator of each hospital district participating  
22 in the district.

23 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to  
24 the selection of appraisal district directors for terms that begin  
25 on or after January 1, 2024.

26 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
27 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

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1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
3 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.