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H.B. No. 4172

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the authority of the governing body of a hospital district to vote for candidates for director of the appraisal district in which the hospital district participates.

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

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

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

(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.