

By: Bell of Kaufman

H.B. No. 420

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the meeting places for the board of directors of certain special districts.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 49, Water Code, is amended by adding Section 49.0621 to read as follows:

Sec. 49.0621. MEETING PLACES FOR BOARD OF CERTAIN DISTRICTS. (a) This section applies only to a district wholly or partly located in a county that:

(1) contains a portion of the Cedar Creek Reservoir;
and

(2) borders a county with a population of 2.6 million or more.

(b) Notwithstanding Section 49.062, if the board of a district to which this section applies conducts meetings at least quarterly, the board shall conduct a meeting at least once per quarter at a designated meeting location:

(1) inside the district; or
(2) within 10 miles of the boundary of the district.

(c) Notwithstanding Section 49.064 or Chapter 551, Government Code, the board of a district to which this section applies may hold a regular or special meeting by telephone conference call or video conference call if at least one board member participating in the meeting is physically present at a

1 location that is open to the public during the open portions of the
2 meeting. A board member who participates in a meeting by telephone
3 conference call or video conference call shall be counted as
4 present at the meeting for all purposes.

5 SECTION 2. Subchapter G, Chapter 54, Water Code, is amended
6 by adding Section 54.6015 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 54.6015. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF TAX
8 RATE FOR CERTAIN DISTRICTS. (a) This section applies only to a
9 district wholly or partly located in a county described by Section
10 49.0621(a).

11 (b) A public hearing at which the adoption of a tax rate will
12 be considered must be conducted:

13 (1) at a designated meeting location:

14 (A) inside the district; or

15 (B) within 10 miles of the boundary of the
16 district; or

17 (2) by telephone conference call or video conference
18 call, as provided by Section 49.0621(c).

19 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.