1-1 By: Paul, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Middleton)   H.B. No. 2970
1-2   (In the Senate - Received from the House April 30, 2025;
1-3 May 1, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Natural
1-4 Resources; May 8, 2025, reported adversely, with favorable
1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0;
1-6 May 8, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-7   COMMITTEE VOTE

1-8		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-9	Birdwell	X			
1-10	Zaffirini	X			
1-11	Alvarado	X			
1-12	Blanco	X			
1-13	Flores	X			
1-14	Hancock	X			
1-15	Hughes	X			
1-16	Parker	X			
1-17	Sparks	X			

1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 2970   By: Zaffirini

1-19   A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-20   AN ACT

1-21 relating to the management and operation of the Gulf Coast
1-22 Protection District.
1-23   BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
1-24   SECTION 1.   Section 9502.0201(i), Special District Local
1-25 Laws Code, is amended to read as follows:
1-26   (i) The governor [board] shall appoint [elect] a presiding
1-27 officer from among the directors to serve in that position for two
1-28 years. A director may serve as the presiding officer for not more
1-29 than two consecutive terms.
1-30   SECTION 2.   Section 9502.0301, Special District Local Laws
1-31 Code, is amended by adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:
1-32   (f) Implementation of a project described by Subsection (a)
1-33 may not disrupt navigation safety or two-way traffic, as defined by
1-34 Section 66.0172, Transportation Code, in a manner that violates a
1-35 rule adopted by the board of pilot commissioners for the ports of
1-36 Harris County under Chapter 66, Transportation Code.
1-37   SECTION 3.   This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-38 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-39 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-40 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-41 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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