

1-1 By: Manuel (Senate Sponsor - Nichols) H.B. No. 5693  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 19, 2025;  
1-3 May 19, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Local  
1-4 Government; May 22, 2025, reported favorably by the following  
1-5 vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 22, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7				
1-8	Bettencourt	X		
1-9	Middleton	X		
1-10	Cook	X		
1-11	Gutierrez	X		
1-12	Nichols	X		
1-13	Paxton		X	
1-14	West	X		

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to the election of the commissioners of the Jefferson  
1-18 County Drainage District No. 7.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-20 SECTION 1. Section 4, Chapter 34, Acts of the 57th  
1-21 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, 1962, is amended to read as  
1-22 follows:

1-23 Sec. 4. The management and control of the District shall be  
1-24 vested in five Commissioners. Except as provided by this Act, the  
1-25 General Laws of the State of Texas relating to the Commissioners of  
1-26 drainage districts shall apply to the Commissioners of the  
1-27 District. The District shall hold an election on the uniform  
1-28 election date in November of each odd-numbered year to elect the  
1-29 appropriate number of Commissioners [are elected in accordance with  
1-30 Subchapter D, Chapter 49, Water Code]. Not more than one  
1-31 Commissioner shall be elected from any one municipality as long as  
1-32 five municipalities exist within the district. Commissioners serve  
1-33 staggered four-year terms. For all purposes, a quorum for doing  
1-34 business shall consist of a majority of the Commission.

1-35 SECTION 2. (a) The Jefferson County Drainage District  
1-36 No. 7 shall hold an election to elect two commissioners on the  
1-37 uniform election date in November 2025, as provided by Section 4,  
1-38 Chapter 34, Acts of the 57th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, 1962,  
1-39 as amended by this Act.

1-40 (b) A commissioner serving on the board of commissioners of  
1-41 the Jefferson County Drainage District No. 7 elected in May 2022  
1-42 shall serve until the commissioner's successor has qualified  
1-43 following the commissioners' election held on the uniform election  
1-44 date in November 2025. A commissioner elected to succeed that  
1-45 commissioner serves a four-year term.

1-46 (c) The Jefferson County Drainage District No. 7 shall hold  
1-47 an election to elect three commissioners on the uniform election  
1-48 date in November 2027, as provided by Section 4, Chapter 34, Acts of  
1-49 the 57th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, 1962, as amended by this  
1-50 Act.

1-51 (d) A commissioner serving on the board of commissioners of  
1-52 the Jefferson County Drainage District No. 7 elected in May 2024  
1-53 shall serve until the commissioner's successor has qualified  
1-54 following the commissioners' election held on the uniform election  
1-55 date in November 2027. A commissioner elected to succeed that  
1-56 commissioner serves a four-year term.

1-57 SECTION 3. (a) The legal notice of the intention to  
1-58 introduce this Act, setting forth the general substance of this  
1-59 Act, has been published as provided by law, and the notice and a  
1-60 copy of this Act have been furnished to all persons, agencies,  
1-61 officials, or entities to which they are required to be furnished

under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, and Chapter 313, Government Code.

(b) The governor, one of the required recipients, has submitted the notice and Act to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

(c) The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has filed its recommendations relating to this Act with the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of representatives within the required time.

(d) All requirements of the constitution and laws of this state and the rules and procedures of the legislature with respect to the notice, introduction, and passage of this Act are fulfilled and accomplished.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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