

1-1 By: Bell of Montgomery (Senate Sponsor - Creighton) H.B. No. 5698
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 5, Nays 0, 1 present not voting; May 22, 2025, sent to
1-6 printer.)

1-7	COMMITTEE VOTE			
1-8		Yea	Nay	Absent
1-9	Bettencourt	X		
1-10	Middleton			X
1-11	Cook	X		
1-12	Gutierrez	X		
1-13	Nichols	X		
1-14	Paxton			X
1-15	West	X		

1-16 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-17 AN ACT

1-18 relating to the name of and appointment of directors for the
1-19 Harris-Montgomery Counties Management District.

1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-21 SECTION 1. The heading to Chapter 3891, Special District
1-22 Local Laws Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-23 CHAPTER 3891. SOUTHEAST REGIONAL [HARRIS-MONTGOMERY COUNTIES]
1-24 MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

1-25 SECTION 2. Section 3891.001(3), Special District Local Laws
1-26 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-27 (3) "District" means the Southeast Regional
1-28 [Harris-Montgomery Counties] Management District.

1-29 SECTION 3. Section 3891.002, Special District Local Laws
1-30 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-31 Sec. 3891.002. NATURE OF DISTRICT. The Southeast Regional
1-32 [Harris-Montgomery Counties] Management District is a special
1-33 district created under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution.

1-34 SECTION 4. Sections 3891.052(a) and (e), Special District
1-35 Local Laws Code, are amended to read as follows:

1-36 (a) The board shall:

1-37 (1) recommend to the Harris County Commissioners Court
1-38 persons to serve on a [the] succeeding board; or

1-39 (2) petition the Texas Commission on Environmental
1-40 Quality to appoint persons to serve on a succeeding board.

1-41 (e) If the board petitions the Texas Commission on
1-42 Environmental Quality under Subsection (a) for the appointment of
1-43 persons to serve on a succeeding board [any provision of
1-44 Subsections (a) through (d) is found to be invalid], the commission
1-45 [Texas Commission on Environmental Quality] shall appoint the
1-46 succeeding board from recommendations of persons to serve on the
1-47 succeeding board submitted by the board.

1-48 SECTION 5. (a) The legal notice of the intention to
1-49 introduce this Act, setting forth the general substance of this
1-50 Act, has been published as provided by law, and the notice and a
1-51 copy of this Act have been furnished to all persons, agencies,
1-52 officials, or entities to which they are required to be furnished
1-53 under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, and Chapter 313,
1-54 Government Code.

1-55 (b) The governor, one of the required recipients, has
1-56 submitted the notice and Act to the Texas Commission on
1-57 Environmental Quality.

1-58 (c) The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has filed
1-59 its recommendations relating to this Act with the governor, the
1-60 lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of
1-61 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 6. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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