

Chapter 893

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the board of directors of the Kenedy County Groundwater
3 Conservation District.

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

5 SECTION 1. Chapter 1152, Acts of the 78th Legislature,
6 Regular Session, 2003, is amended by adding Section 9A to read as
7 follows:

8 Sec. 9A. METHOD OF ELECTING DIRECTORS: SINGLE-MEMBER
9 DISTRICTS. (a) As soon as practicable after the effective date of
10 the Act by which this section is enacted into law, the board shall:

11 (1) divide the district into five single-member
12 districts for electing directors; and

13 (2) assign each of the existing board positions to one
14 of the new single-member districts.

15 (b) In dividing the district into single-member districts
16 under Subsection (a) of this section, the board shall:

17 (1) take into account the existing at-large board
18 position elected by the voters of the Santa Gertrudis Independent
19 School District; and

20 (2) draw the single-member districts in a manner that
21 retains the existing district lines as closely as possible.

22 (c) If the district annexes territory, the annexed
23 territory becomes part of one or more of the single-member
24 districts as determined by the board.

1 (d) One director shall be elected from each single-member
2 district.

3 (e) To be a candidate for or to serve as a director, a person
4 must be a registered voter in the single-member district the person
5 represents or seeks to represent.

6 (f) A person shall indicate on the application for a place
7 on the ballot the single-member district the person seeks to
8 represent.

9 (g) After each federal decennial census or as needed, the
10 board may redraw the single-member districts to reflect population
11 changes. A director in office on the effective date of a change in
12 the boundaries of a single-member district, or a director elected
13 or appointed before the effective date of the change whose term of
14 office begins on or after the effective date of the change, shall
15 serve for the remainder of the director's term in the single-member
16 district to which elected or appointed even though the change in
17 boundaries places the director's residence outside the district to
18 which the director was elected or appointed.

19 SECTION 2. Chapter 1162, Acts of the 78th Legislature,
20 Regular Session, 2003, is amended by adding Section 8A to read as
21 follows:

22 Sec. 8A. METHOD OF ELECTING DIRECTORS: SINGLE-MEMBER
23 DISTRICTS. (a) As soon as practicable after the effective date of
24 the Act by which this section is enacted into law, the board shall:

25 (1) divide the district into five single-member
26 districts for electing directors; and

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3 under Subsection (a) of this section, the board shall:

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5 position elected by the voters of the Santa Gertrudis Independent
6 School District; and

7 (2) draw the single-member districts in a manner that
8 retains the existing district lines as closely as possible.

9 (c) If the district annexes territory, the annexed
10 territory becomes part of one or more of the single-member
11 districts as determined by the board.

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13 district.

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15 must be a registered voter in the single-member district the person
16 represents or seeks to represent.

17 (f) A person shall indicate on the application for a place
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20 (g) After each federal decennial census or as needed, the
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25 office begins on or after the effective date of the change, shall
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1 boundaries places the director's residence outside the district to
2 which the director was elected or appointed.

3 SECTION 3. The following laws are repealed:

4 (1) Section 9, Chapter 1152, Acts of the 78th
5 Legislature, Regular Session, 2003; and

6 (2) Section 8, Chapter 1162, Acts of the 78th
7 Legislature, Regular Session, 2003.

8 SECTION 4. (a) The change in law made by this Act applies
9 only to a director elected or appointed to serve on the board of
10 directors of the Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District on
11 or after the effective date of this Act.

12 (b) The change in law made by this Act does not affect the
13 term of office of a director serving on the board of directors of
14 the Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District on the
15 effective date of this Act.

16 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
17 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
18 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
19 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
20 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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David Newkirk
President of the Senate

Jim Strawn
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 2570 passed the Senate on May 11, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 29, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Daisy Grew
Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 2570 passed the House, with amendment, on May 25, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, one present not voting.

Robert Honey
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

19 JUN '09
Date

Rick Perry
Governor

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SECRETARY OF STATE
2:00 O'CLOCK

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