

Chapter 601

S.B. No. 495

AN ACT

relating to the service areas of certain junior college districts.

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

SECTION 1. Section 130.166, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 130.166. AUSTIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT SERVICE AREA. The service area of the Austin Community College District includes the territory within:

(1) Hays, [~~Gillespie~~] Caldwell, and Blanco counties;

(2) Travis County, except the territory within the Marble Falls Independent School District;

(3) Williamson County, except the territory within the Florence, Granger, Hutto, Lexington, Taylor, and Thrall independent school districts;

(4) [~~the part of the Nixon-Smiley Consolidated Independent School District located in Gonzales County,~~

~~(5)]~~ the part of the San Marcos Consolidated Independent School District located in Guadalupe County;

(5) [~~(6)]~~ Bastrop County, except the territory within the Lexington Independent School District;

(6) [~~(7)]~~ the part of the Elgin Independent School District located in Lee County; and

(7) [~~(8)]~~ the part of the Smithville Independent School District located in Fayette County.

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1 SECTION 2. Section 130.171, Education Code, is amended to
2 read as follows:

3 Sec. 130.171. CENTRAL TEXAS COLLEGE DISTRICT SERVICE AREA.
4 The service area of the Central Texas College District includes the
5 territory within:

6 (1) the Killeen Independent School District, located
7 in Bell County;

8 (2) the Copperas Cove Independent School District,
9 located in Coryell County;

10 (3) Fort Hood and North Fort Hood, located in Bell
11 County;

12 (4) Coryell, Gillespie, Hamilton, Lampasas, Llano,
13 Mason, Mills, and San Saba counties;

14 (5) the Brady, Lohn, and Rochelle independent school
15 districts located in McCullough County;

16 (6) the Burnet Consolidated Independent School
17 District located in Burnet County;

18 (7) the Florence Independent School District;

19 (8) the part of the Lampasas Independent School
20 District that is located in Burnet County;

21 (9) the part of the Lampasas Independent School
22 District that is located in Bell County;

23 (10) the part of the Copperas Cove Independent School
24 District that is located in Bell County; and

25 (11) the Marble Falls Independent School District.

26 SECTION 3. Section 130.208, Education Code, is amended to
27 read as follows:

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1 Sec. 130.208. THE VICTORIA COLLEGE DISTRICT SERVICE AREA.
2 The service area of The Victoria College District includes the
3 territory within:

4 (1) Victoria, Lavaca, DeWitt, Gonzales, and Calhoun
5 counties;

6 (2) Jackson County, except the territory within the
7 Ganado Independent School District; and

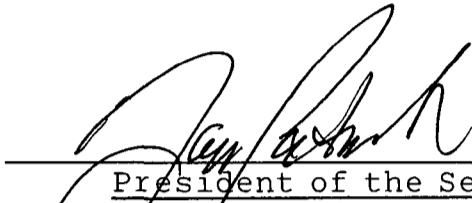
8 (3) Refugio County, except the territory within the
9 Woodsboro Independent School District [~~and~~

10 ~~[(4) Gonzales County, except the territory within the~~
11 ~~Nixon-Smiley Consolidated Independent School District].~~

12 SECTION 4. The change in law made by this Act applies
13 beginning with the 2015 fall semester; except that during the
14 2015-2016 academic year the Austin Community College District may
15 continue to treat the areas removed by this Act from the district's
16 service area as if the areas were still in the district's service
17 area as necessary to avoid an unreasonable interruption of junior
18 college services in the areas.

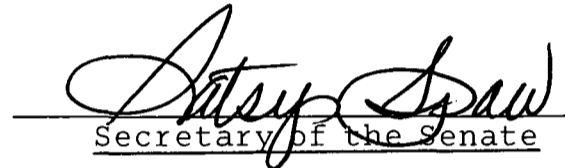
19 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
20 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
21 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
22 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
23 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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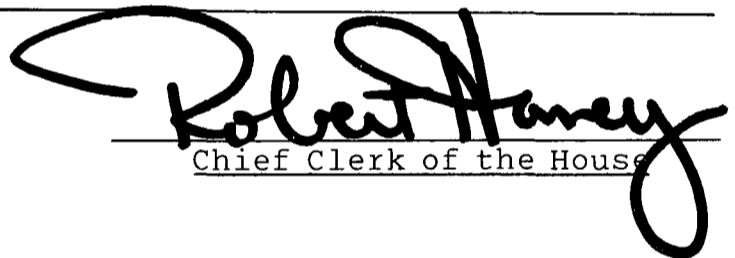

President of the Senate


Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 495 passed the Senate on March 23, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.


Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 495 passed the House on May 22, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 140, Nays 0, two present not voting.



Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

6-10-2015
Date


Governor

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY OF STATE
4:50 pm O'CLOCK

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Secretary of State

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas**

FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

April 28, 2015

TO: Honorable John Zerwas, Chair, House Committee on Higher Education

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB495 by Watson (Relating to the service areas of certain junior college districts.), As Engrossed

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

Local Government Impact

The bill would amend the services areas of certain junior college districts. The bill would expand Central Texas College District's services area to include Gillespie County, removing it from the service area of Austin Community College District. The bill would also expand The Victoria College District's service area to include all of Gonzales County, removing a portion of Gonzales County from the service area of Austin Community College District.

To the degree the added service areas for Central Texas College District and The Victoria College District are not included as part of each college's taxing district, each college may have to assume a larger portion of the instructional costs for students residing in the newly added services area since residents would be able to pay in-service area rates for tuition or fees.

Source Agencies: 781 Higher Education Coordinating Board

LBB Staff: UP, EMu, DEH, ED

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FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

March 10, 2015

TO: Honorable Kel Seliger, Chair, Senate Committee on Higher Education

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

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Introduced

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