

BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 2740
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Natural Resources
Committee Report (Substituted)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Interested parties note that there is generally a higher voter turnout for an election held in November than an election held in May. As such, C.S.H.B. 2740 seeks to change the date of the board of directors election of the Panola County Groundwater Conservation District to the November uniform election date.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 2740 amends the Special District Local Laws Code to change the date of the board of directors election of the Panola County Groundwater Conservation District from the uniform election date in May of each even-numbered year to the uniform election date in November of each even-numbered year.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2017.

COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL AND SUBSTITUTE

While C.S.H.B. 2740 may differ from the original in minor or nonsubstantive ways, the following comparison is organized and formatted in a manner that indicates the substantial differences between the introduced and committee substitute versions of the bill.

| INTRODUCED | HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE |
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| SECTION 1. Section 8819.053, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended. | SECTION 1. Same as introduced version. |
| SECTION 2. (a) A director of the board of the Panola County Groundwater Conservation | No equivalent provision. |

District who is serving on the day before the effective date of this Act shall serve until the director's term expires. A director whose term expires in May 2018 shall serve until the director's successor has qualified following the directors' election held on the uniform election date in November 2018 in accordance with Section 8819.053, Special District Local Laws Code, as amended by this Act. A director whose term expires in May 2020 shall serve until the director's successor has qualified following the directors' election held on the uniform election date in November 2020.

(b) This section expires September 1, 2022.

SECTION 3. (a) The legal notice of the intention to introduce this Act, setting forth the general substance of this Act, has been published as provided by law, and the notice and a copy of this Act have been furnished to all persons, agencies, 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, 2017.

SECTION 2. Same as introduced version.

SECTION 3. Same as introduced version.