

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

H.B. 651  
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Natural Resources  
Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Interested parties note that there is generally higher voter turnout for elections held in November than there is for elections held in May. As such, H.B. 651 seeks to change the election date of the board of directors of the Rusk County Groundwater Conservation District to take advantage of the likely higher voter turnout in November.

### **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**

H.B. 651 amends Chapter 764, Acts of the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, to change the election date of the board of directors of the Rusk County Groundwater Conservation District from the first Saturday in May of each even-numbered year to the uniform election date in November of each such year.

H.B. 651, in a temporary provision set to expire September 1, 2022, provides for the transition to the new election date of the board of directors.

H.B. 651 repeals Section 11(a), Chapter 764, Acts of the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

September 1, 2017.