Sec. 6608.102. CONFIRMATION ELECTION. (a) The board shall hold an election to confirm the creation of the district.

(b) Section 41.001(a), Election Code, does not apply to a confirmation election under this section.

(c) Except as provided by this section, the confirmation election must be conducted as provided by Sections 49.102(a)-49.102(f), Water Code, and the Election Code.

(d) The district is not required to elect directors at the confirmation election.

Sec. 6608.103. NO EMINENT DOMAIN POWER. The district may not exercise the power of eminent domain.

SECTION 2. (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 on 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 3. If the creation of the district is not confirmed at a confirmation election held under Section 1 of this Act before September 1, 2015, this Act and Chapter 6608, Special District Local Laws Code, as added by this Act, expire on that date.

SECTION 4. 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, 2013.

Passed by the House on April 25, 2013: Yeas 135, Nays 1, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 17, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 14, 2013.
Effective June 14, 2013.

CHAPTER 347
H.B. No. 2252
AN ACT
relating to eligibility of charitable organizations to participate in a state employee charitable campaign.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 659.146(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) To be eligible to participate in a state employee charitable campaign, a charitable organization must:

1. be governed by a voluntary board of citizens that meets at least twice each year to set policy and manage the affairs of the organization;

2. if the organization’s annual budget:

   (A) does not exceed $250,000 ($100,000), provide a completed Internal Revenue Service Form 990 and an accountant’s review that offers full and open disclosure of the organization’s internal operations; or

   (B) exceeds $250,000 ($100,000), provide an independent audit of the organization’s internal operations;
(B) exceeds $250,000 [($100,000], be audited annually in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants; and
(3) not spend more than 25 percent of its annual revenue for administrative and fund-raising expenses.
SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.
Passed by the House on April 25, 2013: Yeas 135, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 15, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0.
Approved June 14, 2013.
Effective September 1, 2013.

CHAPTER 348
H.B. No. 2254
AN ACT relating to apprenticeship requirements for occupational licenses issued to applicants with military experience.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:
SECTION 1. The heading to Chapter 55, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 55. LICENSE FOR [WHILE ON] MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER OR [DUTY AND FOR] MILITARY SPOUSE

SECTION 2. Chapter 55, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 55.005 to read as follows:

Sec. 55.005. APPRENTICESHIP REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICANT WITH MILITARY EXPERIENCE. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, if an apprenticeship is required for an occupational license issued by a state agency, the state agency shall credit verified military service, training, or education that is relevant to the occupation toward the apprenticeship requirements for the license.
(b) The state agency shall adopt rules necessary to implement this section.

SECTION 3. Section 55.005, Occupations Code, as added by this Act, applies only to an application for an occupational license filed on or after May 1, 2014. An application for a license filed before May 1, 2014, is governed by the law in effect immediately before the effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 4. 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, 2013.

Passed by the House on April 18, 2013: Yeas 143, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 17, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0.
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CHAPTER 349
H.B. No. 2263
AN ACT relating to requesting a replacement voter registration certificate by telephone or electronically.

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