

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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H.B. 3586  
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### **DIGEST**

Last session, legislation made changes to the Water Code. However, the legislation has led to some confusion for water districts as to which law governs. This bill provides regulations regarding election to the board of supervisors of the Clear Creek Drainage District of Galveston County.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, H.B. 3586 provides regulations regarding election to the board of supervisors of the Clear Creek Drainage District of Galveston County.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 3, Article 8280-285, V.T.C.S., to require members of the board of supervisors of the Clear Creek Drainage District of Galveston County (board) to hold office for staggered terms of four years, rather than two years. Requires an election to be held on the first Saturday in May, rather than in April, in each even-numbered year. Requires the remaining supervisors to make an appointment to fill the unexpired term if a vacancy occurs on the board, except as provided by Subsection (c). Sets forth procedures to be followed if a vacancy occurs on or before the 65th day before the general election for supervisors held in the next-to-last even-numbered year of a term of office. Deletes existing text regarding the terms of certain supervisors.

SECTION 2. Sets forth regulations regarding supervisors serving on the board of the Clear Creek Drainage District of Galveston County.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.  
Effective date: upon passage.