

## CHAPTER 920

H.B. No. 1846

An Act relating to the creation and administration of rural fire prevention districts.

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

**SECTION 1.** Section 9, Chapter 57, Acts of the 55th Legislature, Regular Session, 1957 (Article 2351a-6, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 9. (a) If a majority of those voting at such election, as provided in Section 2 or Section 2(a) of this Act, vote in favor of the confirmation of the district, it shall thenceforth be deemed an organized Rural Fire Prevention District under this Act; and the Commissioners Courts of the several counties wherein such district is created shall enter orders accordingly in their minutes in the following substantial form:

Whereas, at an election duly and regularly held on the \_\_\_\_\_day of \_\_\_\_\_, A.D. 19\_\_\_\_within that portion of \_\_\_\_\_County, State of Texas, described as: (insert description unless the district is county-wide) there was submitted to the legal voters thereof the question whether the above described territory shall be formed into a Rural Fire Prevention District under the provisions of the laws of this state; and

Whereas, at such election \_\_\_\_\_votes were cast in favor of formation of said district and \_\_\_\_\_votes were cast against such formation; and

Whereas, the formation of such Rural Fire Prevention District received the affirmative vote of the majority votes cast at such election as provided by law;

Now, therefore, the County Commissioners Court of \_\_\_\_\_County, State of Texas, does hereby find, declare and order that the tract hereinbefore described has been duly and legally formed into a Rural Fire Prevention District (or a portion thereof) under the name of \_\_\_\_\_, under and pursuant to Article III, Section 48-d of the Constitution of Texas, and with the powers vested in such district conferred by law.

(b) *If a majority of those voting at the election vote against confirmation of the district, the commissioners court may not order another election before the first anniversary of the date of the most recent election to confirm the district.*

**SECTION 2.** Section 7, Chapter 57, Acts of the 55th Legislature, Regular Session, 1957 (Article 2351a-6, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is repealed.

**SECTION 3.** The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed by the House on May 2, 1985, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate on May 24, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 0.

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