

CHAPTER 304

H.B. No. 1854

AN ACT

relating to the sworn statement, bond, and oath of a director of an underground water conservation district.

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

SECTION 1. Section 52.108, Water Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 52.108. *SWORN STATEMENT, BOND, AND OATH OF OFFICE.* (a) *As soon as practicable after a director is elected or appointed, the [Each] director shall make the sworn statement prescribed by the constitution for public office [take the oath of office prescribed by the constitution for public officers].*

(b) *As soon as practicable after a director has made the sworn statement and before beginning to perform the duties of office, the director shall take the oath of office prescribed by the constitution for public officers.*

(c) *Before beginning to perform the duties of office, a director shall execute a bond for \$10,000 payable to the district and conditioned on the faithful performance of the director's duties. All bonds of the directors must be approved by the board and shall be paid for by the district.*

(d) *The sworn statement, bond, and oath shall be filed with the district and retained in its records. A duplicate original of the sworn statement and the oath shall be filed with the secretary of state within 10 days after their execution and need not be filed before the new director begins to perform the duties of office.*

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 1993.

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.

Passed by the House on April 15, 1993, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate on May 14, 1993: Yeas 29, Nays 0.

Approved May 27, 1993.

Effective Sept. 1, 1993.