

CHAPTER 683

H.B. No. 2177

AN ACT

relating to the directors of the Gulf Coast Water Authority.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 5 and 5(a), Chapter 712, Acts of the 59th Legislature, Regular Session, 1965 (Article 8280-339, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), are amended to read as follows:

Sec. 5. The management and control of the District is hereby vested in a Board of seven (7) directors. *The directors shall represent the geographic and ethnic diversity of the county.* [~~Upon the effective date of this Act, the following named persons shall be and constitute the Board of Directors of said District:~~

~~[Position 1: Arthur Alpert~~

~~[Position 2: Alvin Kelso~~

~~[Position 3: A. R. Anderson~~

~~[Position 4: W. R. Nisbet~~

~~[Position 5: C. J. Holgrave~~

~~[Position 6: Charles Kilgore~~

~~[Position 7: Gaddis Wittjen~~

~~[who shall serve until May 1, 1967, and shall meet and organize as soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act, and shall file their official bonds and subscribe to the Constitutional Oath of office.]~~ Vacancies on the Board of Directors, whether by death, resignation or termination of the term of office, shall be filled by appointment by the Commissioners Court of Galveston County. All terms of office shall be for a period of two (2) years. *Terms shall be staggered so that the terms of three (3) directors expire one year and the terms of four (4) directors expire the next year* [~~except that the first term of office after May 1, 1967, for Positions 2, 4 and 6 shall be for a term of one (1) year~~]. Three (3) of the members appointed by the Commissioners Court shall be registered professional engineers under the laws of Texas.

Sec. 5(a). *One (1) director* [~~Three (3) of the directors~~] of the District shall be appointed by the Commissioners Court of Galveston County upon the recommendation of the City Council of the City of Galveston [~~and one (1) director of the District shall be appointed by the Commissioners Court of Galveston County upon the recommendation of the City Council of the City of Texas City~~]. *The remaining six (6) directors shall be appointed by the Commissioners Court of Galveston County with two directors appointed at-large and the remaining four directors appointed on the written recommendation of advisory committees appointed by the Board of Directors of the Gulf Coast Water Authority. Two directors shall be recommended by the Mainland Municipal Advisory Committee and two directors shall be recommended by the Industrial Advisory Committee. The Commissioners Court of Galveston County is entitled to accept or reject the recommendations made to the court by the advisory committees. If a recommendation made by an advisory committee is rejected, the advisory committee shall submit additional recommendations to the court.*

The Industrial Advisory Committee is composed of one representative of each industrial customer of the Gulf Coast Water Authority. The Mainland Municipal Advisory Committee is composed of one representative of each municipal or water district customer of the Gulf Coast Water Authority that uses not less than 2 million gallons of water a day. The names of the representatives of each of the committees shall be submitted to the Board of Directors of the Gulf Coast Water Authority by the respective industrial and municipal or water district customers. The directors of the Gulf Coast Water Authority shall submit the names of the advisory committee members to the Commissioners Court of Galveston County, which shall record the names in the minutes of the court.

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

SECTION 3. (a) To succeed the directors of the Gulf Coast Water Authority whose terms expire in 1994, the Galveston County Commissioners Court shall appoint four directors to serve terms expiring September 1, 1996.

(b) To succeed the directors of the Gulf Coast Water Authority whose terms expire in 1995, the Galveston County Commissioners Court shall appoint three directors to serve terms expiring September 1, 1997.

(c) Subsequent appointees serve two-year terms.

SECTION 4. 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 30, 1993, by a non-record vote; the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 2177 on May 27, 1993, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 22, 1993: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 15, 1993.

Effective Sept. 1, 1993.