

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

S.B. 726  
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Natural Resources  
Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Interested parties assert that changing the required election date for the election of the directors of the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District would likely result in increased participation in such an election. S.B. 726 seeks to address this issue by changing such date.

### **CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

### **ANALYSIS**

S.B. 726 amends Chapter 19, Acts of the 55th Legislature, Regular Session, 1957, to change the date of the directors' election for the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District from the third Saturday in January in each even-numbered year to the uniform election date in May in each odd-numbered year. The bill removes the specification that the directors' election is held as provided by Water Code provisions relating to water control and improvement districts in addition to the Election Code.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

September 1, 2017.