An agreement may provide for the exemption of tangible personal property located on the real property in each year covered by the agreement other than tangible personal property that was located on the real property at any time before the period covered by the agreement with the district. An agreement may cover more than one commercial-industrial or residential project.

SECTION 5. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to a tax abatement agreement entered into or a designation of a reinvestment zone made by the Dallas County Flood Control District No. 1 on or after the effective date of this Act. A tax abatement agreement entered into or a designation of a reinvestment zone made by the district before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect when the contract was entered into or the designation was made, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

Passed by the House on April 28, 2009: Yeas 149, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 22, 2009: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Approved June 19, 2009.

Effective September 1, 2009.

CHAPTER 351

H.B. No. 1145

AN ACT

relating to the appointment of election judges.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 32.002(a), (b), and (c), Election Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) The commissioners court [at its July term] shall appoint the election judges for each regular county election precinct:

(1) at its July term in a county with a population of over 500,000; or

(2) at its August term in a county with a population of 500,000 or less.

(b) Judges appointed under Subsection (a) serve for a term of one year [beginning on August 1 following the appointment], except that the commissioners court by order recorded in its minutes may provide for a term of two years. A judge's term begins:

(1) August 1 following appointment in a county to which Subsection (a)(1) applies; or

(2) September 1 following appointment in a county to which Subsection (a)(2) applies.

(c) The presiding judge and alternate presiding judge must be affiliated or aligned with different political parties, subject to this subsection. Before July of each year in a county to which Subsection (a)(1) applies or before August of each year in a county to which Subsection (a)(2) applies, the county chair of a political party whose candidate for governor received the highest or second highest number of votes in the county in the most recent gubernatorial general election shall submit in writing to the commissioners court a list of names of persons in order of preference for each precinct who are eligible for appointment as an election judge. The county chair may supplement the list of names of persons until the 20th day before a general election or the 15th day before a special election in case an appointed election judge becomes unable to serve. The commissioners court shall appoint the first person meeting the applicable eligibility requirements from the list submitted in compliance with this subsection by the party with the highest number of votes in the precinct as the presiding judge and the first person meeting the applicable eligibility requirements from the list submitted in compliance with this subsection by the party with the second highest number of votes in the precinct as the alternate presiding judge. The commissioners court may reject the list if the persons whose names are submitted on the list are determined not to meet the applicable eligibility requirements.
SECTION 2. The term of an election judge serving on the effective date of this Act expires:

(1) September 1, 2010, if the judge serves in a county with a population of 500,000 or less and the judge's term would expire August 1, 2010, under Section 32.002(b), Election Code, as that section existed before amendment by this Act;

(2) August 1, 2010, if the judge serves in a county with a population of over 500,000 and the judge's term would expire August 1, 2010, under Section 32.002(b), Election Code, as that section existed before amendment by this Act;

(3) September 1, 2011, if the judge serves in a county with a population of 500,000 or less and the judge's term would expire August 1, 2011, under Section 32.002(b), Election Code, as that section existed before amendment by this Act; or

(4) August 1, 2011, if the judge serves in a county with a population of over 500,000 and the judge's term would expire August 1, 2011, under Section 32.002(b), Election Code, as that section existed before amendment by this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect January 1, 2010.

Passed by the House on April 9, 2009: Yeas 148, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 26, 2009: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 19, 2009.

Effective January 1, 2010.

CHAPTER 352

H.B. No. 1177

AN ACT

relating to the eligibility of certain peace officers and firefighters for legislative leave.

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

SECTION 1. Section 614.002, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 614.002. APPLICABILITY OF SUBCHAPTER. This subchapter applies only to a peace officer or fire fighter employed by:

(1) the state;

(2) a municipality with a population of 50,000 [200,000] or more; or

(3) a county with a population of 190,000 [500,000] or more.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

Passed by the House on April 28, 2009: Yeas 149, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 26, 2009: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 19, 2009.

Effective September 1, 2009.

CHAPTER 353

H.B. No. 1178

AN ACT

relating to the creation of the Starr County Drainage District.

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

SECTION 1. Subtitle A, Title 6, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Chapter 6606 to read as follows:

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