

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

The Chambers-Liberty Counties Navigation District was established in 1944 to provide drainage and water supply for residents of the rural areas. Since that time, Texas statutes have set the selection process of the commissioners of the navigation district. H.B. 3823 would establish provisions regarding the appointment of commissioners of the Chambers-Liberty Counties Navigation District.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 3823 establishes provisions regarding the appointment of commissioners of the Chambers-Liberty Counties Navigation District.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. (a) Provides that the navigation and canal commissioners of Chambers-Liberty Counties Navigation District (district) are appointed as provided by this section.

(b) Requires the commissioners courts of Chambers and Liberty counties to appoint two commissioners each, and to appoint a fifth commissioner at a joint meeting.

(c) Entitles each of the county judges and county commissioners composing the county courts one vote in appointing the fifth commissioner. Provides that a majority vote of those present at the meeting is sufficient to make the appointment.

(d) Provides that members of the commission of the district serve staggered terms of four years.

SECTION 2. (a) Requires the commissioners court of each county in the district to appoint members to the navigation and canal commission on January 15, 2000. Sets forth the length of the terms of the appointed members.

(b) Provides that the term of a navigation and canal commissioner of the district serving immediately before the effective date of this Act expires January 15, 2000. Provides that this Act does not prohibit a person who is a navigation and canal commissioner on the effective date of this Act from being reappointed to the commission.

SECTION 3. (a) Provides that the proper and legal notice of the intention to introduce this Act, setting forth the general substance of this Act, has been published as provided by law, and the notice and a copy of this Act have been furnished to all proper entities.

(b) Provides that the Texas Natural Resource Commission has filed its recommendations relating to the Act with the governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house of representatives within the required time.

(c) Establishes that all requirements of the constitution and laws of this state and the rules and procedures of the legislature with respect to the notice, introduction, and passage of this Act are fulfilled and accomplished.

SECTION 4. Effective date: January 1, 2000.

SECTION 5. Emergency clause.