

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, the board of directors of the Brazos River Authority has twenty-one members. As proposed, S.B. 1931 reduces the number of members of the board from twenty-one to nine. This bill also requires the governor to designate a member of the board as chair and appoint the nine members of the board as soon as practicable after the effective date of the bill.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 6, Chapter 13, Special Laws, Acts of the 41st Legislature, 2nd Called Session, 1929, by requiring the board of directors of the Brazos County River Authority (board) to have nine, rather than twenty-one, members. Requires members of the board and their successors to serve for a term of six years and until their successors are designated and qualified. Provides that on February 1, of each odd-numbered year, the terms of three, rather than seven, members of the board expire. Requires five, rather than seven, members to constitute a quorum to transact business. Requires the governor to designate a member of the board as presiding officer of the board to serve in that capacity at the pleasure of the governor. Deletes existing text relating to requiring the persons serving on the board on the effective date of this amendment to continue to serve for their unexpired terms. Deletes existing text relating to requiring the board to elect one of their members as chairman. Makes conforming and nonsubstantive changes.

SECTION 2. Requires the governor, as soon as practicable on or after the effective date of this Act, to appoint nine directors as provided by Section 6, Chapter 13, Special Laws, Acts of the 41st Legislature, 2nd Called Session, 1929, as amended by this Act. Requires the governor to appoint three of the directors to terms expiring on February 1, 2005, three to terms expiring February 1, 2007, and three to terms expiring February 1, 2009. Provides that the position of a member of the board serving immediately before the effective date of this Act is abolished at the time five or more of the newly appointed directors qualify for office. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2003.