BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, the San Jacinto River Authority board of directors is appointed by the State Board of Water Engineers, predecessor agency to the Texas Water Development Board. All other river authority boards with appointed boards are appointed by the governor. S.B. 526 transfers to the governor the power to appoint members to the San Jacinto River Authority board of directors.

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 426, Acts of the 45th Legislature, Regular Session, 1937, to require four of the six members of the San Jacinto River Authority board of directors (board) to be residents of a county wholly encompassed by the district. Requires members of the board to be appointed by the governor, rather than the State Board of Water Engineers, predecessor agency to the Texas Water Development Board, for terms of six years. Makes conforming changes.

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective. Requires the governor, as the terms of the members of the board expire or as vacancies on the board of directors occur, to make appointments to the board as provided by Section 6, Chapter 426, Acts of the 45th Legislature, Regular Session, 1937, as amended by this Act.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2003.