

1-1 By: Bettencourt S.B. No. 1085  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 24, 2017; March 7, 2017,  
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Intergovernmental  
 1-4 Relations; April 19, 2017, reported favorably by the following  
 1-5 vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; April 19, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7	X			
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1-9	X			
1-10	X			
1-11	X			
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1-13	X			
1-14	X			

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to the certification of unopposed candidates for the board  
 1-18 of directors of the North Harris County Regional Water Authority.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-20 SECTION 1. Article 2, Chapter 1029, Acts of the 76th  
 1-21 Legislature, Regular Session, 1999, is amended by adding Section  
 1-22 2.08 to read as follows:

1-23 Sec. 2.08. ACTION ON CERTIFICATION OF UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES.

1-24 (a) On receipt of the certification required by Section 2.052,  
 1-25 Election Code, the board may declare each unopposed candidate for  
 1-26 the board elected to the office.

1-27 (b) If a declaration is made under Subsection (a), the  
 1-28 election is not held for that candidate's voting district.

1-29 (c) The ballots used at a separate election held at the same  
 1-30 time as an election that would have been held if the candidates were  
 1-31 not declared elected under this section shall include the offices  
 1-32 and names of the candidates declared elected under this section  
 1-33 listed separately after the measures or contested races in the  
 1-34 separate election under the heading "Unopposed Candidates Declared  
 1-35 Elected." The candidates shall be grouped in the same relative  
 1-36 order prescribed for the ballot generally. No votes are cast in  
 1-37 connection with the candidates.

1-38 (d) The secretary of state by rule may prescribe any  
 1-39 additional procedures necessary to accommodate a particular voting  
 1-40 system or ballot style and to facilitate the efficient and  
 1-41 cost-effective implementation of this section.

1-42 (e) A certificate of election shall be issued to each  
 1-43 candidate in the same manner and at the same time as provided for a  
 1-44 candidate elected at the election. The candidate must qualify for  
 1-45 the office in the same manner as provided for a candidate elected at  
 1-46 the election.

1-47 (f) Section 2.053, Election Code, does not apply to an  
 1-48 election for the board of directors of the authority.

1-49 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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