

1-1 By: Vasut (Senate Sponsor - Middleton) H.B. No. 2694  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 19, 2025;  
 1-3 May 19, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Local  
 1-4 Government; May 22, 2025, reported favorably by the following  
 1-5 vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 22, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Bettencourt	X			
1-8 Middleton	X			
1-9 Cook	X			
1-10 Gutierrez	X			
1-11 Nichols	X			
1-12 Paxton			X	
1-13 West	X			

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

1-17 relating to the election and resignation of and filling of  
 1-18 vacancies on the board of commissioners of the Brazoria Drainage  
 1-19 District No. 4.

1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-21 SECTION 1. Section 7, Chapter 991, Acts of the 74th  
 1-22 Legislature, Regular Session, 1995, is amended by amending  
 1-23 Subsections (a) and (f) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as  
 1-24 follows:

1-25 (a) The district is managed by a board of three  
 1-26 commissioners as provided by Chapter 56, Water Code, and each holds  
 1-27 an elected office designated as Place No. 1, Place No. 2, or Place  
 1-28 No. 3. The board shall call and hold elections for the appropriate  
 1-29 number of commissioners on the uniform election date in May  
 1-30 ~~[November]~~ of each odd-numbered ~~[even-numbered]~~ year. The  
 1-31 ~~[Notwithstanding Section 56.063, Water Code, the]~~ commissioners  
 1-32 serve staggered four-year terms, each beginning June ~~[January]~~ 1 of  
 1-33 the year of [following] the commissioner's election and continuing  
 1-34 until the commissioner's successor in office is elected and has  
 1-35 qualified.

1-36 (a-1) If a commissioner announces the commissioner's  
 1-37 candidacy, or in fact becomes a candidate, in any general, special,  
 1-38 or primary election for any office of profit or trust under the laws  
 1-39 of this state or the United States other than the office of  
 1-40 commissioner for the district at any time when the unexpired term of  
 1-41 office of the commissioner exceeds one year and 30 days, the  
 1-42 announcement or candidacy constitutes an automatic resignation of  
 1-43 the office of the commissioner.

1-44 (f) A vacancy in a commissioner's office or other board  
 1-45 office shall be filled as provided by Section 49.105, Water Code ~~[by~~  
 1-46 ~~appointment by the remaining commissioners if less than 290 days~~  
 1-47 ~~remain before the date of the next regular election of one or more~~  
 1-48 ~~commissioners. If the commissioners do not agree on an appointment~~  
 1-49 ~~before the 61st day after the date the vacancy occurs, the~~  
 1-50 ~~commissioners shall call and hold a special election to fill the~~  
 1-51 ~~office before the 121st day after the date the vacancy occurs].~~

1-52 SECTION 2. Sections 7(b), (c), (d), (e), (h), and (i),  
 1-53 Chapter 991, Acts of the 74th Legislature, Regular Session, 1995,  
 1-54 are repealed.

1-55 SECTION 3. (a) The Brazoria Drainage District No. 4 shall  
 1-56 hold the first election to elect commissioners for Place No. 1 and  
 1-57 Place No. 2 as described by Section 7(a), Chapter 991, Acts of the  
 1-58 74th Legislature, Regular Session, 1995, as amended by this Act, on  
 1-59 the uniform election date in May 2029.

1-60 (b) The Brazoria Drainage District No. 4 shall hold the  
 1-61 first election to elect the commissioner for Place No. 3 as

2-1 described by Section 7(a), Chapter 991, Acts of the 74th  
2-2 Legislature, Regular Session, 1995, as amended by this Act, on the  
2-3 uniform election date in May 2027.

2-4 (c) The terms of the commissioners for Place No. 1 and Place  
2-5 No. 2 serving on the board of commissioners of the Brazoria Drainage  
2-6 District No. 4 on the effective date of this Act expire on the later  
2-7 of May 31, 2029, or the date the commissioners elected under  
2-8 Subsection (a) of this section have qualified.

2-9 (d) The term of the commissioner for Place No. 3 serving on  
2-10 the board of commissioners of the Brazoria Drainage District No. 4  
2-11 immediately before the date of the election held under Subsection  
2-12 (b) of this section expires on the later of May 31, 2027, or the date  
2-13 the commissioner elected under that subsection has qualified.

2-14 SECTION 4. (a) The legal notice of the intention to  
2-15 introduce this Act, setting forth the general substance of this  
2-16 Act, has been published as provided by law, and the notice and a  
2-17 copy of this Act have been furnished to all persons, agencies,  
2-18 officials, or entities to which they are required to be furnished  
2-19 under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, and Chapter 313,  
2-20 Government Code.

2-21 (b) The governor, one of the required recipients, has  
2-22 submitted the notice and Act to the Texas Commission on  
2-23 Environmental Quality.

2-24 (c) The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has filed  
2-25 its recommendations relating to this Act with the governor, the  
2-26 lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of  
2-27 representatives within the required time.

2-28 (d) All requirements of the constitution and laws of this  
2-29 state and the rules and procedures of the legislature with respect  
2-30 to the notice, introduction, and passage of this Act are fulfilled  
2-31 and accomplished.

2-32 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
2-33 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
2-34 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
2-35 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
2-36 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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