

1-1 By: Manuel (Senate Sponsor - Nichols) H.B. No. 5693
 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 of the commissioners of the Jefferson
 1-18 County Drainage District No. 7.

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

1-20 SECTION 1. Section 4, Chapter 34, Acts of the 57th
 1-21 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, 1962, is amended to read as
 1-22 follows:

1-23 Sec. 4. The management and control of the District shall be
 1-24 vested in five Commissioners. Except as provided by this Act, the
 1-25 General Laws of the State of Texas relating to the Commissioners of
 1-26 drainage districts shall apply to the Commissioners of the
 1-27 District. The District shall hold an election on the uniform
 1-28 election date in November of each odd-numbered year to elect the
 1-29 appropriate number of Commissioners [are elected in accordance with
 1-30 Subchapter D, Chapter 49, Water Code]. Not more than one
 1-31 Commissioner shall be elected from any one municipality as long as
 1-32 five municipalities exist within the district. Commissioners serve
 1-33 staggered four-year terms. For all purposes, a quorum for doing
 1-34 business shall consist of a majority of the Commission.

1-35 SECTION 2. (a) The Jefferson County Drainage District
 1-36 No. 7 shall hold an election to elect two commissioners on the
 1-37 uniform election date in November 2025, as provided by Section 4,
 1-38 Chapter 34, Acts of the 57th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, 1962,
 1-39 as amended by this Act.

1-40 (b) A commissioner serving on the board of commissioners of
 1-41 the Jefferson County Drainage District No. 7 elected in May 2022
 1-42 shall serve until the commissioner's successor has qualified
 1-43 following the commissioners' election held on the uniform election
 1-44 date in November 2025. A commissioner elected to succeed that
 1-45 commissioner serves a four-year term.

1-46 (c) The Jefferson County Drainage District No. 7 shall hold
 1-47 an election to elect three commissioners on the uniform election
 1-48 date in November 2027, as provided by Section 4, Chapter 34, Acts of
 1-49 the 57th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, 1962, as amended by this
 1-50 Act.

1-51 (d) A commissioner serving on the board of commissioners of
 1-52 the Jefferson County Drainage District No. 7 elected in May 2024
 1-53 shall serve until the commissioner's successor has qualified
 1-54 following the commissioners' election held on the uniform election
 1-55 date in November 2027. A commissioner elected to succeed that
 1-56 commissioner serves a four-year term.

1-57 SECTION 3. (a) The legal notice of the intention to
 1-58 introduce this Act, setting forth the general substance of this
 1-59 Act, has been published as provided by law, and the notice and a
 1-60 copy of this Act have been furnished to all persons, agencies,
 1-61 officials, or entities to which they are required to be furnished

2-1 under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, and Chapter 313,
2-2 Government Code.

2-3 (b) The governor, one of the required recipients, has
2-4 submitted the notice and Act to the Texas Commission on
2-5 Environmental Quality.

2-6 (c) The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has filed
2-7 its recommendations relating to this Act with the governor, the
2-8 lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of
2-9 representatives within the required time.

2-10 (d) All requirements of the constitution and laws of this
2-11 state and the rules and procedures of the legislature with respect
2-12 to the notice, introduction, and passage of this Act are fulfilled
2-13 and accomplished.

2-14 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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