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H.B. No. 945

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to abolishing certain county boards of education, boards  
3 of county school trustees, and offices of county school  
4 superintendent.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. (a) Each county board of education, board of  
7 county school trustees, and office of county school superintendent  
8 in a county with a population of 3.3 million or more is abolished  
9 effective September 1, 2013.

10 (b) All assets, liabilities, and contracts of a board  
11 abolished by this Act are transferred to the commissioners court of  
12 the county in trust for the component school districts in the  
13 county. The commissioners court shall, not later than September 1,  
14 2014, distribute the assets remaining after discharge of the  
15 board's liabilities to the component school districts in the county  
16 in proportionate shares equal to the proportion that the membership  
17 in each district bears to total membership in the county as of May  
18 1, 2013. The commissioners court may liquidate board assets as  
19 necessary to discharge board liabilities and facilitate the  
20 distribution of assets. A person authorized by the board shall  
21 execute any documents necessary to complete the transfer of assets,  
22 liabilities, or contracts.

23 (c) The component school districts of a board abolished by  
24 this Act shall collect and use any delinquent taxes imposed by the

1 board in the manner provided by rule of the commissioner of  
2 education.

3 SECTION 2. Section 52.092(e), Election Code, is amended to  
4 read as follows:

5 (e) County offices shall be listed in the following order:

- 6 (1) county judge;
- 7 (2) judge, county court at law;
- 8 (3) judge, county criminal court;
- 9 (4) judge, county probate court;
- 10 (5) county attorney;
- 11 (6) district clerk;
- 12 (7) district and county clerk;
- 13 (8) county clerk;
- 14 (9) sheriff;
- 15 (10) sheriff and tax assessor-collector;
- 16 (11) county tax assessor-collector;
- 17 (12) county treasurer;
- 18 (13) ~~county school trustee (county with population of~~  
19 ~~3.3 million or more);~~
- 20 [~~14~~] county surveyor.

21 SECTION 3. Chapter 595 (H.B. 689), Acts of the 59th  
22 Legislature, Regular Session, 1965 (Article 2676c, Vernon's Texas  
23 Civil Statutes), is repealed.

24 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.