

suspended, and said Rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed the House, February 11, 1959, by a viva-voce vote; House concurred in Senate amendments, March 16, 1959, by a viva-voce vote; passed the Senate, as amended, February 25, 1959, by a viva-voce vote.

Approved March 26, 1959.

Effective 90 days after May 12, 1959, date of adjournment.

SHERMAN COUNTY—BOUNDARY LINES

CHAPTER 41⁴²

H. B. No. 74

An Act establishing the boundary lines of Sherman County and declaring the area therein to be Sherman County; authorizing the filing of instruments affecting the title to lands within said area in County Clerk's office and thereafter admissible as evidence; directing a survey to be made, and the preparation and filing of field notes; and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That the boundary lines of Sherman County shall hereafter be as follows:

BEGINNING at a point, being the southeast corner of Dallam County, the northeast corner of Hartley County, the northwest corner of Moore County, and being the southwest corner of Sherman County;

THENCE northerly as a common line with the east boundary of Dallam County, and extending to a point in the northern boundary of Texas, and the south boundary of the State of Oklahoma for the northwest corner of Sherman County;

THENCE easterly with the north boundary of Texas to a point where the west boundary of Hansford County intersects the north boundary of Texas for the northeast corner of Sherman County;

THENCE southerly as a common line with the west boundary line of Hansford County to a point which is the southwest corner of Hansford County, the northwest corner of Hutchinson County, the northeast corner of Moore County, for the southeast corner of Sherman County;

THENCE westerly as a common line with the north boundary of Moore County to the place of BEGINNING.

All of the area located within these boundaries shall be Sherman County, Texas, and all instruments affecting the title to lands within said area are hereby authorized to be filed in the County Clerk's office of said county, and shall be considered in the same manner as original deeds and thereafter are admissible in evidence.

Sec. 2. The Commissioners Court of Sherman County is directed to cause to be surveyed by a competent, qualified and practical surveyor of this State the area herein defined, and to have said surveyor prepare metes and bounds field notes of the area, and to file a copy of said field notes in the General Land Office of Texas.

Sec. 3. The fact that the boundary lines of Sherman County have not been clearly defined as extending to the north boundary line of Texas,

42. Vernon's Ann.Civ.St. art. 1606 note.

as that line is established and recognized, creates an emergency and imperative public necessity that the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each House be suspended and the same is hereby suspended and this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed the House, March 9, 1959, by a viva-voce vote; passed the Senate March 18, 1959, by a viva-voce vote.

Approved April 1, 1959.

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WATER IMPROVEMENTS DISTRICTS—DIRECTORS— STAGGERED TERMS

CHAPTER 42

H. B. No. 94

An Act amending Acts, 1925, Thirty-ninth Legislature of Texas, Chapter 152, page 362, Section 3 (Article 7718, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), relating to the election of directors of water improvement districts, so as to afford a method by which any such district may provide for staggered terms of office of its directors; repealing Chapter 143, Acts, 1953, Fifty-third Legislature (codified as Article 7718c, Vernon's Annotated Civil Statutes of Texas); and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Acts, 1925, Thirty-ninth Legislature of Texas, Chapter 152, page 362, Section 3 (being Article 7718, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes) be, and the same is hereby, amended⁴³ so that the same shall hereafter read in its entirety as follows:

"Article 7718:

"(a) There shall be held a general election in each water improvement district on the second Tuesday in January of each even-numbered year hereafter for the purpose of electing five (5) directors of such district; provided,

"(b) The Board of Directors of any such district may, by resolution duly adopted by the affirmative votes of not less than four (4) of such directors, provide staggered terms of office of directors of said district thereafter elected. If said resolution is adopted during the year in which the directors of said district then in office were elected, and prior to December 1st of said year, said resolution may provide that the then terms of office of all of the directors shall terminate on the second Tuesday in January of the next succeeding year and that an election shall be held in said district on said date for the election of five (5) directors of said district whose terms of office shall be staggered, as hereinafter set forth.

"If said resolution is adopted during the second year of the terms of the directors then in office and prior to December 1st of such year, said resolution may provide that the terms of office of the five (5) directors of the district to be elected on the second Tuesday in January next thereafter, shall be staggered as hereinafter provided.

"Said resolution may provide that the two (2) directors receiving the smallest number of votes at said election designated in said resolution

43. Vernon's Ann.Civ.St. art. 7718.