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CREIGHTON PASSES GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT LEGISLATION

HB 1982 AMENDED TO 7 MEMBER ELECTED BOARD

Austin – Senator Brandon Creighton (R-Conroe) issued the following statement after the passage of legislation to update the composition of the Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District (LSGCD) board of directors:

"With the passage of this legislation, Montgomery County citizens will have the ability to elect board members to oversee the management of our aquifers," said Senator Creighton. "Seven board members ensure every citizen has a voice so we can properly protect and manage the consumption of water in our county."

House Bill 1982 (Rep. Metcalf) was amended in the Senate Local Calendar to reflect the same language of Senate Bill 2250. The bills will change the LSGCD board of directors to seven elected board members with term limits. The introduction of term limits would prohibit a member from serving more than three 4-year terms. In addition, there is language to ensure a smooth transition from appointed to elected.

"This has been a long time coming," said Representative Metcalf. "Our citizens will finally have a voice in selecting the Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District Board. I was honored to work with our entire delegation to make this happen."

"I have been working on this important issue for many years and I am pleased the Montgomery County delegation has worked together to reach this solution," concluded Senator Creighton.

The next step is for the House of Representatives to concur on the changes made before it is sent to the Governor.

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Senator Brandon Creighton represents Senate District 4, which encompasses Chambers, Jefferson and parts of Montgomery, Harris and Galveston Counties.