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*Bill Analysis*  
Legislative Service Commission

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**Reps. Krupinski, Barrett, Allen, Hood, Ford, Hartnett**

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**BILL SUMMARY**

- Creates the Joint Legislative Recreational Conservancy District Oversight Committee.
- Creates a recreational conservancy district nominating committee for each recreational conservancy district.
- Gives a nominating committee responsibility for nominating, and the Oversight Committee responsibility for appointing, the members of a board of directors of a recreational conservancy district.
- Increases the membership of such a board from five to nine members, and decreases the length of the board members' terms from five to three years.

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**CONTENT AND OPERATION**

**Definition of "recreational conservancy district"**

The bill defines a "recreational conservancy district" as a conservancy district that includes all or parts of more than 16 counties and that constructs, improves, operates, maintains, and protects recreational facilities under current law that authorizes the board of directors of a conservancy district to do so (sec. 6101.101).

**Creation of the Joint Legislative Recreational Conservancy District Oversight Committee**

The bill creates the Joint Legislative Recreational Conservancy District Oversight Committee consisting of eight members. Four members must be members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, not more than two of whom may be from the same political party, and four members must be members of the Senate appointed by the

President of the Senate, not more than two of whom may be from the same are included within the territory of a recreational conservancy district. The members of the committee must be appointed by January 31 of the odd-numbered of that General Assembly. A vacancy on the committee must be filled in the same manner as the original appointment. (Sec. 6101.102.)

committee must be a member from the House of Representatives and the vice-chairperson must be a member from the Senate, as designated by their appointing houses. (Sec. 6101.102.)

**Recreational conservancy district nominating committees**

each recreational conservancy district. The committee must consist of seven members who are residents of the district and who must be appointed by the Joint

Each member must serve on the nominating committee for a term of two years. A vacancy on the committee must be filled in the same manner as the original of the member's term until the member's successor takes office or a period of 60 days has elapsed, whichever occurs first. A member may be reappointed. The (Sec. 6101.103.)

The Oversight Committee must appoint members to each recreational of each General Assembly. If a recreational conservancy district board of directors is notified that an individual is interested in serving on the nominating the chairperson of the Oversight Committee. (Sec. 6101.105(A).)

**Board of directors of recreational conservancy district**

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**Exception from current law.** Under current law, the board of directors of a counties included in whole or in part within a conservancy district, and the board members serve terms of five years. The board consists of three members unless

case the board consists of five members. (Sec. 6101.10(A), (B), and (C).) The bill specifies that current law governing the appointment, terms of office, and membership of a board of directors of a conservancy district does not apply to the board of directors of a recreational conservancy district (sec. 6101.10(D)).

**Selection and approval or disapproval of nominees.** Not later than March 31 each year, a recreational conservancy district nominating committee must advertise for individuals who wish to serve on the district's board of directors. The nominating committee must select from the applicants a number of nominees that equals the number of vacancies that will occur on the board that year and must submit the names of the nominees to the Oversight Committee by May 1 of that year. (Sec. 6101.105(B).)

Not later than 14 days after receiving a list of nominees, the Oversight Committee must approve or disapprove by a majority vote each nominee to serve on a district's board of directors. Approval by the Oversight Committee constitutes appointment. If the Oversight Committee disapproves a nominee, the nominating committee must submit the name of another nominee not later than 14 days after receiving the disapproval. The Oversight Committee must approve or disapprove the nominee in accordance with the bill. (Sec. 6101.105(C).)

Except for the four existing members of a board in existence on the bill's effective date (see below), each member of a board of directors must represent a different county within the recreational conservancy district. Each county within the district must be represented on the board on a rotating basis that must be established by the district's nominating committee. (Sec. 6101.104(B).)

**Board's duties with respect to nominating committee.** A recreational conservancy district board of directors must pay for the advertising that its nominating committee must do in order to locate individuals who wish to serve on the board. The board also must provide technical assistance and office space for the nominating committee. (Sec. 6101.105(D).)

**Increase in number of board members and decrease in length of terms of office**

**Board in existence on bill's effective date.** The bill specifies that beginning July 1, 2001, the board of directors of a recreational conservancy district that is in existence on the bill's effective date must consist of nine members. Initially, the members must be the four remaining members of the board as it existed immediately prior to July 1, 2001, and five additional members. Terms of office are as follows:

(1) One term of office must be held by the existing member whose term expires in the year 2002.

(2) One term of office must be held by the existing member whose term expires in the year 2003.

(3) One term of office must be held by the existing member whose term expires in the year 2004.

(4) One term of office must be held by the existing member whose term expires in the year 2005.

(5) One term of office must be held by a new member appointed for a one-year term.

(6) Two terms of office must be held by new members appointed for two-year terms.

(7) Two terms of office must be held by new members appointed for three-year terms.

Subsequently, all members must serve three-year terms, which must commence on July 1 of the year of appointment and expire on June 30 of the third year following appointment. (Sec. 6101.104(A)(1).)

**Board incorporated after bill's effective date.** The bill specifies that the board of directors of a recreational conservancy district that is incorporated after the bill's effective date must consist of nine members. Of the initial members, three must be appointed for one-year terms, three must be appointed for two-year terms, and three must be appointed for three-year terms. Thereafter, members must be appointed for three-year terms, which must commence on July 1 of the year of the appointment and expire on June 30 of the third year following appointment. (Sec. 6101.104(A)(2).) A conservancy district that becomes a recreational conservancy district after its incorporation must modify its board of directors so that the membership of the board complies with the above requirements governing new recreational conservancy districts and with the bill's provisions regarding county representation (see above). (Sec. 6101.104(A)(3).)

#### **Vacancies; term limits**

A vacancy in the board of directors of a recreational conservancy district must be filled in the same manner as the original appointment. A member must continue in office subsequent to the expiration date of the member's term until the member's successor takes office or a period of 60 days has elapsed, whichever

occurs first. A member may serve not more than two consecutive terms. (Sec. 6101.104(B).)

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