

## HB 52 -- ROAD DISTRICTS

SPONSOR: Andrews

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Local Government by a vote of 13 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote of 12 to 0.

This bill changes the qualification to serve as a commissioner on a special road district from a voter in the district to any registered voter in the county in which the district is located who is also a land owner in the district. The bill also requires the county commission to select special road district commissioners for three-year terms and cease holding elections for the positions in the event that two consecutive elections pass without any candidates for commissioner in municipal elections.

This bill is similar to HCS HB 2456 (2016).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that increasing the pool of persons that can serve as a road district commissioner will make it easier to find someone willing to serve in that position, and removing the requirement of having an election will save a lot of money.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Andrews.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.