

By: Davis of Harris

H.B. No. 1152

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a referendum requirement before changing the name of a school district by the district board of trustees.

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

SECTION 1. Section 11.160, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 11.160. CHANGE OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NAME. (a) The board of trustees of an independent school district may not change the name of a school district before:

(1) the district conducts a referendum election on the issue of whether the name of the district should be changed; and

(2) a majority of the voters voting in the election approve the change in name of the district.

(b) The referendum may be placed on the ballot at any type of district election, including an election of district trustees, a bond election, or a special election.

(c) If a majority of the voters approve the change in name of the district, the board by resolution may change the name of the ~~[school]~~ district.

~~[(b)]~~ The board shall give notice of the change in name of the district by sending to the commissioner a copy of the resolution, attested by the president and secretary of the board, and a copy of the election results.

(d) The district, under its changed name, is considered a

1 continuation of the district, as formerly named, for all purposes.

2         SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
3 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
4 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
5 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
6 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.