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20	SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS
21	Revised Law
22	Sec. 5016.0001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:
23	(1) "Adjacent property" means the approximately 433
24	acres that the authority owns in San Patricio County that is bounded
25	on the east by the western boundary of the former Naval Station
26	Ingleside, on the north by Farm-to-Market Road 1069, on the west by

the corporate limits of the City of Ingleside on the Bay, and on the 1 south by the corporate limits of the City of Ingleside on the Bay 2 3 and the north shoreline of Corpus Christi Bay. The term does not 4 include property: 5 that the authority purchased from this state (A) 6 under former Article 8225, Revised Statutes; or 7 that was granted to the authority by this (B) 8 state under any general or special law. "Authority" means the Port of Corpus Christi 9 (2) Authority of Nueces County, Texas. 10 "Naval property" means: 11 (3) 12 the approximately 576.615 acres of land and (A)

13 submerged land in San Patricio and Nueces Counties, improvements, 14 and personal property, if any, that reverted to the authority when 15 former Naval Station Ingleside closed, other than property that the 16 authority purchased from this state under former Article 8225, 17 Revised Statutes, or that was granted to the authority by this state 18 under any general or special law; and

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(B) the adjacent property.

20 (4) "Port commission" means the authority's governing21 body.

(5) "Port commissioner" means a member of the port
commission. (Acts 67th Leg., R.S., Ch. 165, Sec. 2; Acts 68th Leg.,
R.S., Ch. 397, Secs. 1, 1A as added Acts 81st Leg., R.S., Ch. 53.)

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[Acts 67th Leg., R.S., Ch. 165] Sec. 2. The name of the board of navigation and canal commissioners of the authority is changed to the port commission and the title of each member is port commissioner.

Source Law

[Acts 68th Leg., R.S., Ch. 397] Sec. 1. In this Act:

(1) "Adjacent property" means the approximately 433 acres that the authority owns in San Patricio County that is bounded on the east by the western boundary of Naval Station Ingleside, on the north by Farm-to-Market Road 1069, on the west by the city limits of the City of Ingleside on the Bay, and on the south by the city limits of the City of Ingleside on the Bay and the north shoreline of Corpus Christi Bay. The term does not include property that the

authority purchased from this state under Article 1 8225, Revised Statutes, or that was granted to the 2 3 authority by this state under any general or special 4 Act. 5 "Authority" means the Port of Corpus (2) 6 7 Christi Authority of Nueces County, Texas. "Naval property" means: (3) 8 the approximately 576.615 acres (A) 9 of land and submerged land in San Patricio and Nueces Counties, improvements, and personal property, if any, that revert to the authority when Naval Station 10 11 12 Ingleside closes, other than property that the authority purchased from this state under Article 13 8225, Revised Statutes, or that was granted to the authority by this state under any general or special 14 15 16 Act; and (B) the adjacent property. "Port commission" means the governing 17 18 (4) body of the authority. 19 20 In this Act: Sec. 1A. "Authority" means the Port of Corpus 21 (1)Christi Authority of Nueces County, Texas. (2) "Port commission" means the governing 22 23 24 body of the Port of Corpus Christi Authority of Nueces 25 County, Texas. "Port commissioner" means a member of 26 (3) 27 the port commission. 28 Revisor's Note (1)Sections 1(1) and (3), Chapter 397, Acts of 29 30 the 68th Legislature, Regular Session, 1983, refer to "Naval Station Ingleside." Because Naval Station 31 32 Ingleside closed on April 30, 2010, the revised law 33 adds "former" to references to "Naval Station Ingleside." 34 35 Sections 1(1) and (3), Chapter 397, Acts of (2)36 the 68th Legislature, Regular Session, 1983, refer to property purchased by the authority under "Article 37 8225, Revised Statutes." The revised law retains the 38 39 reference to Article 8225, Revised Statutes, because 40 that was the law in effect at the time the authority purchased the property but adds "former" to the 41 references to that article because it was codified in 42 1971 as Sections 61.115, 61.116, and 61.117, Water 43 44 Code. 45 Revised Law 46 Sec. 5016.0002. FORMER NAME OF AUTHORITY. Before May 20, 47 1981, the authority was known as the Nueces County Navigation

1	District No. 1. (Acts 67th Leg., R.S., Ch. 165, Sec. 1; New.)
2	Source Law
3 4 5	Sec. 1. The name of Nueces County Navigation District No. 1 is changed to the Port of Corpus Christi Authority of Nueces County, Texas.
6	Revisor's Note
7	Section 1, Chapter 165, Acts of the 67th
8	Legislature, Regular Session, 1981, which took effect
9	on May 20, 1981, renamed the Nueces County Navigation
10	District No. 1 as the Port of Corpus Christi Authority
11	of Nueces County, Texas. The revised law retains the
12	reference to the authority's former name to clarify a
13	reference to the former name in another law and adds a
14	reference to the effective date for the reader's
15	convenience.
16	SUBCHAPTER B. PORT COMMISSION
17	Revised Law
18	Sec. 5016.0051. COMPOSITION OF PORT COMMISSION. The port
19	commission is composed of seven port commissioners. (Acts 68th
20	Leg., R.S., Ch. 397, Sec. 1A as added Acts 81st Leg., R.S., Ch. 498;
21	Acts 78th Leg., R.S., Ch. 1334, Sec. 3 (part).)
22	Source Law
23 24 25	[Acts 68th Leg., R.S., Ch. 397] Sec. 1A. The port commission is composed of seven members.
26 27 28 29 30 31	<pre>[Acts 78th Leg., R.S., Ch. 1334] Sec. 3. [If the annexation of San Patricio County is approved at an election held under Section 2 of this Act:] (1) the port commission is composed of seven members;</pre>
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33	Revised Law
34	Sec. 5016.0052. APPOINTMENT OF PORT COMMISSIONERS; TERMS;
35	ELIGIBILITY. (a) Port commissioners are appointed as follows:
36	(1) the Commissioners Court of Nueces County shall
37	appoint three port commissioners;
38	(2) the city council of the City of Corpus Christi
39	shall appoint three port commissioners; and

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(3) the Commissioners Court of San Patricio County
 shall appoint one port commissioner.

3 (b) Port commissioners serve staggered three-year terms, 4 with the terms of two or three port commissioners expiring in 5 January of each year.

6 (c) A port commissioner may not serve more than four full7 terms.

8 (d) A person must have been a resident of Nueces County for 9 at least six months to be eligible for appointment to the port 10 commission by the Commissioners Court of Nueces County or the city 11 council of the City of Corpus Christi.

(e) Subsections (c) and (d) do not apply to a person serving
as a port commissioner on June 9, 1995. (Acts 68th Leg., R.S., Ch.
397, Secs. 2, 3, 4(c), (d); Acts 74th Leg., R.S., Ch. 469, Sec. 2;
Acts 78th Leg., R.S., Ch. 1334, Sec. 3 (part).)

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[Acts 68th Leg., R.S., Ch. 397] 17 Sec. 2. The Commissioners Court of Nueces 18 (a) 19 shall appoint four members to the port County 20 commission, and the City Council of Corpus Christi shall appoint three members to the port commission. 21 22 (b) A person must have been a resident of Nueces 23 County for at least six months to be eligible for 24 appointment to the port commission. 25 Sec. 3. (a) The port commissioners shall serve 26 staggered three-year terms. A person may not serve more than four full 27 (b) 28 terms as port commissioner. 29 [Sec. 4] In making its initial appointments to the 30 (C) 31 commission, the Commissioners Court of Nueces port 32 County shall appoint: 33 (1)one port commissioner to a term that 34 expires in January, 1986; (2) one port commissioner to a term that expires in January, 1987; and (3) two port commissioners to terms that 35 36 37 38 expire in January, 1988. 39 In making its initial appointments to the (d) 40 port commission, the City Council of Corpus Christi 41 shall appoint: (1) one port commissioner to a term that expires in January, 1986; 42 43 (2) one port commissioner to a term that expires in January, 1987; and 44 45 (3) one port commissioner to a term that expires in January, 1988. 46 47 48 [Acts 74th Leg., R.S., Ch. 469] Sec. 2. The change in law made by this Act does 49

not affect the eligibility of a person who, on the effective date of this Act, is a member of the port commission of the Port of Corpus Christi Authority of Nueces County.

[Acts 78th Leg., R.S., Ch. 1334] Sec. 3. [If the annexation of San Patricio County is approved at an election held under Section 2 of this Act:]

(2) notwithstanding Section 2, Chapter 397, Acts of the 68th Legislature, Regular Session, 1983: (A) the Commissioners Court of Nueces County shall appoint three members to the port commission; (B) the City Council of Corpus Christi shall appoint three members to the port commission; and (C) the Commissioners Court of San Patricio County shall appoint one member to the port commission;

Revisor's Note

24 (1)Section 2, Chapter 397, Acts of the 68th 25 Legislature, Regular Session, 1983, provides the manner of appointment of and eligibility requirements 26 27 for port commissioners. Section 3, Chapter 1334, Acts the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, of 28 29 provides that if the annexation of San Patricio County 30 is approved at a confirmation election, Section 3 governs the appointment of port commissioners. 31 The revised law omits the provisions of Section 2 of 32 33 Chapter 397 that relate to the appointment of port commissioners as superseded by Section 3 of Chapter 34 1334 because the annexation of San Patricio County was 35 36 approved at a confirmation election and the authority 37 has annexed San Patricio County, as stated in Revisor's Note (2) at the end of this chapter. The revised law 38 adds "by the Commissioners Court of Nueces County or 39 the city council of the City of Corpus Christi" to the 40 provision requiring a person to have been a resident of 41 42 Nueces County for at least six months to be eligible 43 for appointment to the port commission in order to clarify that the residency requirement applies only to 44

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persons appointed to the port commission by the
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 council of Corpus Christi and not to persons appointed
 by the Commissioners Court of San Patricio County.

Sections 4(c) and (d), Chapter 397, Acts of 5 (2) the 68th Legislature, Regular Session, 1983, prescribe 6 7 the procedure for staggering the terms of the port commissioners first appointed under that act. 8 The 9 revised law revises the establishment of staggered 10 terms expiring in January of each year but omits the provisions relating to the date the initial terms 11 12 expire as executed.

(3) Section 2, Chapter 469, Acts of the 74th 13 Legislature, Regular Session, 1995, provides that the 14 changes in law made by Chapter 469 do not affect the 15 eligibility of a person serving as a port commissioner 16 on "the effective date of this Act." Chapter 469 added 17 18 a residency requirement for service on the port 19 commission and imposed term limits on port 20 commissioners. The revised law substitutes "June 9, 1995" for the quoted language because that is the date 21 on which Chapter 469 took effect. 22

Section 3, Chapter 1334, Acts of the 78th 23 (4) Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, provides for the 24 appointment of port commissioners "notwithstanding 25 Section 2, Chapter 397, Acts of the 68th Legislature, 26 Regular Session, 1983." The revised law omits the 27 28 quoted language as unnecessary because the provisions 29 Section 2 of Chapter 397 that relate to the of appointment of port commissioners are omitted from the 30 revised law for the reason stated in Revisor's Note (1) 31 to this section. 32

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Sec. 5016.0053. FILING OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT BY PORT

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Not later than April 30 of each year, a port 1 COMMISSIONERS. (a) commissioner shall file with the Texas Ethics Commission a 2 financial statement that complies with Sections 572.022-572.024, 3 4 Government Code. The filed statement is a public record. 5 (h) (Acts 68th 6 Leg., R.S., Ch. 397, Sec. 4A.) 7 Source Law Sec. 4A. Not later than April 30 each year, a port commissioner shall file with the Texas Ethics 8 9 Commission a financial statement that complies with 10 11 Sections 572.022-572.024, Government Code. Α statement filed under this section is a public record. 12 13 Revisor's Note 14 (End of Subchapter) Sections 4(a), (b), and (e), Chapter 397, Acts of 15 16 the 68th Legislature, Regular Session, 1983, require 17 port commissioners serving on the effective date of Chapter 397 to serve until their terms expire in 18 19 January 1985, provide for the appointment of the port commissioners initially appointed under Section 4, and 20 21 provide for the appointment and terms of the 22 successors to those initial appointees. The revised law omits those provisions as executed. The omitted 23 24 law reads: 25 Sec. 4. (a) The persons serving as 26 port commissioners on the effective date of 27 this Act remain in office and shall continue 28 to have the powers and perform the duties of 29 port commissioners until the expiration of 30 their terms in January, 1985. 31 (b) On the expiration of the terms of 32 the port commissioners serving on the 33 effective date of this Act, seven persons 34 must be appointed as provided by Section 2 35 this Act to the port of serve as 36 commissioners for the Port of Corpus 37 Christi Authority of Nueces County, Texas. 38 (e) Successors to the initial appointees shall be appointed and shall 39 40 serve for three-year terms. 41 SUBCHAPTER C. POWERS AND DUTIES 42 Revised Law Sec. 5016.0101. USE AND DISPOSITION OF NAVAL PROPERTY. 43 (a)

1 The authority may use naval property in ways that replace and 2 enhance the economic benefits generated by the former Naval Station 3 Ingleside through diversified activities, including uses to 4 foster:

5		(1)	job creation and retention;
6		(2)	economic development;
7		(3)	industry;
8		(4)	commerce;
9		(5)	<pre>manufacturing;</pre>
10		(6)	housing;
11		(7)	recreation; and
12		(8)	infrastructure installation on naval property.
13	(b)	The p	port commission may:
14		(1)	declare any portion of naval property surplus if
15	the propert	cy is :	not needed for a navigation-related project; and
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16 (2) sell or lease the surplus property on terms the 17 port commission considers advisable to carry out the purposes of 18 this chapter.

19 (C) Notwithstanding any other law and subject to the terms 20 of this subsection, the authority may sell or lease property declared surplus under this section with or without public bidding. 21 The authority may not sell naval property declared surplus under 22 23 this section in a private sale for less than the property's fair market value. The authority shall obtain an appraisal of the 24 surplus property, which is conclusive evidence of the surplus 25 property's fair market value. 26

(d) The authority may contract with another person for assistance in accomplishing the purposes of this section by competitive bidding or negotiated contract as the port commission considers appropriate, desirable, and in the authority's best interests. (Acts 68th Leg., R.S., Ch. 397, Secs. 4B(a), (b), (c), (d) as added Acts 81st Leg., R.S., Ch. 498.)

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Sec. 4B. (a) The authority may use the naval

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property in ways that replace and enhance the economic benefits generated by Naval Station Ingleside through diversified activities, including uses to foster: (1) the creation and retention of new

jobs;

(2) economic development;

(3) industry;

(4) commerce;

(5) manufacturing;

(6) housing;

(7) recreation; and

(8) the installation of infrastructure on the naval property.

(b) The authority may contract with another person for assistance in accomplishing the purposes of this section by competitive bidding or negotiated contract as the port commission considers appropriate, desirable, and in the best interests of the authority.

(c) The port commission may declare any portion of the naval property not needed for a navigation-related project surplus property and may sell or lease the surplus property on terms the port commission considers advisable to carry out the purposes of this Act.

(d) Notwithstanding any other law, and subject to the terms of this subsection, the authority may sell or lease property declared surplus under this section with or without public bidding. Naval property declared surplus under this section may not be sold in a private sale for less than its fair market value. The authority shall obtain an appraisal of the surplus property, and the appraisal is conclusive evidence of the surplus property's fair market value.

<u>Revisor's Note</u>

(1)Section 4B(a), Chapter 397, Acts of the 68th Legislature, Regular Session, 1983, added as by Chapter 498, Acts of the 81st Legislature, Regular Session, 2009, refers to "Naval Station Ingleside." The revised law adds "former" to that reference for the 39 Revisor's Note (1)40 reason stated in to Section 5016.0001. 41

42 (2)Section 4B(e), Chapter 397, Acts of the 68th 43 Legislature, Regular Session, 1983, as added by 44 Chapter 498, Acts of the 81st Legislature, Regular 45 Session, 2009, provides that Section 4B is cumulative 46 of and in addition to other law applicable to or affecting the authority. 47 The revised law omits the 48 provision as unnecessary because an accepted general 49 principle of statutory construction requires that a 50 statute be given cumulative effect with other statutes

unless the statute provides otherwise or unless the 1 statute conflicts with another statute. In addition, 2 3 Section 4B(e) provides that Section 4B "does not limit the power of the authority to use other law not in 4 conflict with" the act. The revised law omits the 5 6 provision as unnecessary because it is an accepted general principle of statutory construction that a 7 8 grant of power does not act as a limitation. The omitted law reads: 9

> (e) This section is cumulative of and in addition to other law applicable to or affecting the authority. This section does not limit the power of the authority to use other law not in conflict with this Act to the extent necessary or convenient to carry out a power expressly or impliedly granted by this section.

> > Revised Law

ELECTIONS. Sec. 5016.0102. An election relating to the 19 20 authority must be held in the authority as a whole and not on a county-by-county basis. (Acts 68th Leg., R.S., Ch. 397, Sec. 4B as 21 22 added Acts 81st Leg., R.S., Ch. 53; Acts 78th Leg., R.S., Ch. 1334, Sec. 4.)

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[Acts 68th Leg., R.S., Ch. 397] An election relating to the authority Sec. 4B. shall be held in the authority as a whole, and not on \bar{a} county-by-county basis.

[Acts 78th Leg., R.S., Ch. 1334] Sec. 4. If the annexation of San Patricio County is approved at an election held under Section 2 of this Act, any subsequent election relating to the authority shall be held in the authority as a whole, and not on a county-by-county basis.

Revisor's Note

Section 4, Chapter 1334, Acts 36 of the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 37 2003, provides the of holding authority elections "[i]f 38 manner the annexation of San Patricio County is approved at an 39 40 election held under Section 2 of this Act." Section 4 also refers to "subsequent" elections to distinguish 41

between the initial confirmation election held under Section 2 of Chapter 1334 and any subsequent election held in the authority. Because the revised law omits Section 2 of Chapter 1334 as executed (see Revisor's Note (2) at the end of this chapter), the revised law also omits the quoted provisions as unnecessary.

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<u>Revised Law</u>

8 Sec. 5016.0103. SECURITY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT. (a) The port 9 commission may adopt, amend, repeal, and enforce an ordinance, 10 rule, or police regulation necessary to:

(1) protect, secure, and defend the ship channels and waterways in the authority's jurisdiction and facilities served by those ship channels and waterways;

14 (2) promote the health, safety, and general welfare of 15 any person using the ship channels and waterways in the authority's 16 jurisdiction; or

17 (3) comply with a federal law or regulation or 18 implement a directive or standard of the federal government, 19 including the United States Department of Homeland Security and the United States Coast Guard, relating to securing ship channels and 20 waterways and facilities served by ship channels and waterways and 21 22 preventing terrorist attacks on ship channels, waterways, 23 associated maritime facilities, and other facilities served by ship 24 channels and waterways.

(b) In the enforcement of an authority ordinance, rule, or police regulation, a sheriff, constable, or other licensed peace officer or a peace officer employed or appointed by the port commission may make arrests, serve criminal warrants, subpoenas, or writs, and perform any other service or duty that may be performed by any sheriff, constable, or other licensed peace officer in enforcing other laws of this state.

32 (c) In adopting an ordinance, rule, or police regulation 33 under Subsection (a) of this section, the port commission shall 34 comply with the procedures provided by Sections 60.074 and 60.075,

Water Code. (Acts 68th Leg., R.S., Ch. 397, Secs. 4C(a), (b), (c).) 1 2 Source Law 3 (a) The port commission may adopt, Sec. 4C. 4 amend, repeal, and enforce an ordinance, rule, or 5 police regulation necessary to: (1) protect, secure, and defend the ship channels and waterways in the jurisdiction of the 6 7 authority and facilities served by those ship channels 8 9 and waterways; 10 promote (2) the health, safety, and general welfare of any person using the ship channels and waterways in the jurisdiction of the authority; or 11 12 13 (3) comply with a federal law or 14 regulation or implement a directive or standard of the 15 federal government, including the United States Department of Homeland Security and the United States Coast Guard, relating to securing ship channels and waterways and facilities served by ship channels and 16 17 18 19 waterways and preventing terrorist attacks on ship 20 channels, waterways, associated maritime facilities, 21 and other facilities served by ship channels and 22 waterways. 23 (b) In the enforcement of an authority ordinance, rule, or police regulation, a sheriff, 24 25 constable, or other duly constituted peace officer of this state or a peace officer employed or appointed by the port commission may make arrests, serve criminal warrants, subpoenas, or writs, and perform any other 26 27 28 29 service or duty that may be performed by any sheriff, 30 constable, or other duly constituted peace officer of 31 this state in enforcing other laws of this state. 32 (c) In adopting an ordinance, rule, or police regulation under Subsection (a) of this section, the 33 34 commission shall comply with the procedures port provided by Sections 60.074 and 60.075, Water Code. 35 36 Revisor's Note 37 Section 4C(b), Chapter 397, Acts of the 68th 38 Legislature, Regular Session, 1983, refers to a "duly 39 constituted peace officer." The revised law 40 "licensed" for "duly constituted" substitutes to 41 conform to the terminology used in Subchapter G, 42 Chapter 1701, Occupations Code, which regulates the 43 licensing of peace officers. 44 Revised Law CONTRACTS FOR SECURITY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT 45 Sec. 5016.0104. 46 SERVICES. (a) The authority may enter into an interlocal agreement with this state or a county, municipality, or other political 47 48 subdivision of this state to jointly provide, and share the costs of, security for the ship channels and waterways in the authority's 49 50 jurisdiction.

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1 (b) To protect the public interest, the authority may contract with a qualified party, including the federal government, 2 3 Nueces County, or San Patricio County, for the provision of law all or of 4 enforcement services part in the authority's jurisdiction. (Acts 68th Leg., R.S., Ch. 397, Secs. 4C(d), (e).) 5

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(d) The authority may enter into an interlocal agreement with this state or a county, municipality, or other political subdivision of this state to jointly provide, and share the costs of, security for the ship channels and waterways in the jurisdiction of the authority.

no protect may cont interest, (e) the public the contract with a qualified party, authority including the federal government, Nueces County, or County, law Patricio for the provision of San part enforcement services in all or of the jurisdiction of the authority.

Revisor's Note (End of Chapter)

Section 5, Chapter 397, Acts of the 68th 21 (1)22 Legislature, Regular Session, 1983, provides that the 23 act is severable. The revised law omits that provision 24 because the same result is produced by application of 25 Section 311.032, Government Code (Code Construction 26 Act), which provides that a provision of a statute is 27 severable from each other provision of the statute 28 that can be given effect. The omitted law reads:

> Sec. 5. If a provision of this Act or application its to person any or held invalid, circumstance is the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this Act that can be given effect without the invalid provision end, application, and to this the or provisions of this Act are declared to be severable.

38 (2) Sections 1, 2, and 3, Chapter 1334, Acts of 39 the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, provide provisions relating to the annexation of San Patricio 40 County to the authority. Section 1 defines certain 41 42 terms for purposes of Chapter 1334. Section 2 requires 43 holding of an election on the question of the 44 annexation of San Patricio County and prescribes

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1 certain actions to be taken in the event the vote is in favor of or against annexation. Section 3 provides 3 transition provisions relating to the terms of office of the port commissioners serving at the time of the 5 election and immediately following the election. Because the election confirming the annexation of San Patricio County has been held and the county has been 8 annexed to the authority, the revised law omits the provisions as executed. The omitted law reads:

Sec. 1.

 In this Act:
 (1) "Authority" means the Port of Corpus Christi Authority of Nueces County, Texas.

(2) "Commissioners court" means the Commissioners Court of San Patricio County.

(3) "Port commission" means the port commission of the Port of Corpus Christi Authority of Nueces County, Texas. Sec. 2. (a) On a uniform election

date in 2003, the commissioners court shall call and hold an election in San Patricio County to allow for voting for or against the proposition: "Annexation of San Patricio County to the Port of Corpus Christi Authority of Nueces County, Texas."

(b) The commissioners court shall conduct the election as provided by Sections 62.296 and 62.298, Water Code, performing all the duties of the commission of the annexing district provided by those sections.

The commissioners court shall (c) canvass the returns of the election and certify the election result to the port commission.

(d) If a majority of the voters voting at the election favor the annexation of San Patricio County, the port commission shall enter and have recorded an order of annexation provided by Sections as 62.299(c) and (d), Water Code.

If the annexation of San Patricio (e) County is not approved at the election held under Subsection (a) of this section, another confirmation election may be held not sooner than five years after the date of first confirmation the election. Confirmation elections may be held every five years until the annexation of San Patricio County is approved.

(f) Except as provided by this section, a confirmation election must be conducted as provided by the Election Code. Sec. 3. If the annexation of San

Patricio County is approved at an election held under Section 2 of this Act: . . .

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(3) the commissioners serving at the time the annexation of San Patricio County is approved continue to serve, unless otherwise removed as provided by law, until the expiration of their terms; and

(4) following the annexation of San Patricio County, the Commissioners Court of San Patricio County shall appoint one member to the port commission to fill the first vacancy created by the expiration of the term of a commissioner appointed by the Commissioners Court of Nueces County.