

THE DRAIN CODE OF 1956 (EXCERPT)
Act 40 of 1956

280.554 Water management board; members; terms; vacancy; qualifications; chairman; procedures; employees; treasurer; bond; secretary; audit.

Sec. 554. (a) For each water management district created under the provisions of this chapter, there is also created a water management board, to consist of 5 members appointed by the water management commission for terms of 5 years each: Provided, That of the members first appointed, 1 shall be appointed for a term of 1 year, 1 for a term of 2 years, 1 for a term of 3 years, 1 for a term of 4 years, and 1 for a term of 5 years: Provided further, That the service of any member of the water management board may be terminated at any time by resolution of the water management commission adopted by a majority of all the members of such commission and his successor appointed in the same manner, and for the remainder of the term, as in the case of an original appointment. Vacancies on the board occurring for any other reason shall be filled in the same manner as an original appointment and for the remainder of the term. Members of the water management board shall be resident property owners of the district. In the event that the total of all assessments within any county included in the water management district is 25% or more of the cost of a project which is to be assessed against all public corporations within the district, the commission shall appoint a resident property owner of such county as 1 of the members of the board. In the event a water management district shall include less than 5 counties, the number of members of the board shall be reduced in number to the number of counties included in the water management district. The board at its first meeting shall elect a chairman and adopt such rules of procedure, not inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter, as it finds advisable.

(b) The board is hereby authorized to hire such employees as it shall deem necessary and determine their compensation. No such employee shall be a member of either the commission or board. The board shall designate the treasurer of 1 of the counties of the district, who shall serve as treasurer of the district and furnish a bond in a sum to be fixed by the board, conditioned on the faithful discharge of his duties, the premium thereon to be paid by the water management district. Moneys held by the treasurer shall be paid out only upon order of the board, except that no such order shall be required for the payment of principal and interest on bonds. The secretary of the board shall also serve as secretary of the commission. The board shall cause the accounts of the treasurer to be audited annually by a certified public accountant, the expense thereof to be paid by the water management district.

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