

SUBJECT: Modifying board membership for Trinity Valley Community College District

COMMITTEE: Higher Education — favorable, without amendment

VOTE: 9 ayes — Lozano, Raney, Alonzo, Alvarado, Button, Clardy, Howard, Morrison, Turner

0 nays

WITNESSES: None

DIGEST: HB 1062 would authorize the governing board of the Trinity Valley Community College (TVCC) District by order or resolution to increase the number of governing board members to 11.

The order or resolution would have to create transition terms of office to conform with elections held in even-numbered years and staggered six-year terms. Initial board members would be required to draw lots to determine their terms, with five members serving two-year terms, three members serving four-year terms, and three members serving six-year terms.

The bill would take effect September, 1, 2017.

SUPPORTERS SAY: HB 1062 would allow the governing board of the Trinity Valley Community College (TVCC) District to increase its membership from nine to 11 members, which would ensure representation for new school districts that join TVCC's taxing district through an annexation election.

Providing greater representation could encourage independent school districts to join the TVCC community, which could reduce in-district tuition and fees for TVCC students and provide more opportunities for high school students to enroll in dual-credit courses.

OPPONENTS SAY: No apparent opposition.

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NOTES: A companion bill, SB 286 by Nichols, passed unanimously in the Senate on March 22.