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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Durán DATE TYPED 02/19/05 HB _____
 SHORT TITLE Soil and Water Conservation District Elections SB 676
 ANALYST Ford

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
			NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates House Bill 752

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 676 changes the date of referendum elections for the creation of soil and water conservation districts, as well as the date of elections for district supervisors, from the first Tuesday in February to the first Tuesday in May.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

Under the Soil and Water Conservation District Act, 25 landowners may petition the soil and water conservation commission for the organization of a soil and water conservation district. The commission reviews the petition and either approves or denies the petition. If the commission approves the petition, it must then determine whether the operation of the district is administratively practicable. To assist in this determination, the commission shall call for a referendum on the proposed district within the geographical boundaries of the district. Current law establishes the date for this referendum as the next succeeding first Tuesday in February. This bill would change that date to the first Tuesday in May.

Once a district is formed, district supervisors are elected and serve staggered four year terms. Current law provides that elections to replace termed-out supervisors shall take place on the first Tuesday in February. This bill would change that date to the first Tuesday in May.

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