SPECIAL DISTRICT LOCAL LAWS CODE

TITLE 6. WATER AND WASTEWATER

SUBTITLE H. DISTRICTS GOVERNING GROUNDWATER

CHAPTER 8884. SARATOGA UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 8884.001.  DEFINITIONS.  In this chapter:

(1)  "Board" means the district's board of directors.

(2)  "Director" means a board member.

(3)  "District" means the Saratoga Underground Water Conservation District.

Added by Acts 2017, 85th Leg., R.S., Ch. 869 (H.B. [2803](http://capitol.texas.gov/tlodocs/85R/billtext/html/HB02803F.HTM)), Sec. 1.04, eff. April 1, 2019.

Sec. 8884.002.  NATURE OF DISTRICT.  The district is a groundwater conservation district in Lampasas County created under and essential to accomplish the purposes of Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution.

Added by Acts 2017, 85th Leg., R.S., Ch. 869 (H.B. [2803](http://capitol.texas.gov/tlodocs/85R/billtext/html/HB02803F.HTM)), Sec. 1.04, eff. April 1, 2019.

Sec. 8884.003.  FINDINGS OF PUBLIC USE AND BENEFIT. (a)  The district is created to serve a public use and benefit.

(b)  All land and other property included in the district will benefit from the works and projects accomplished by the district under the powers conferred by Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution.

Added by Acts 2017, 85th Leg., R.S., Ch. 869 (H.B. [2803](http://capitol.texas.gov/tlodocs/85R/billtext/html/HB02803F.HTM)), Sec. 1.04, eff. April 1, 2019.

Sec. 8884.004.  DISTRICT TERRITORY.  The district includes the territory located in Lampasas County, unless the district's territory has been modified under:

(1)  Subchapter J or K, Chapter 36, Water Code; or

(2)  other law.

Added by Acts 2017, 85th Leg., R.S., Ch. 869 (H.B. [2803](http://capitol.texas.gov/tlodocs/85R/billtext/html/HB02803F.HTM)), Sec. 1.04, eff. April 1, 2019.

SUBCHAPTER B. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sec. 8884.051.  COMPOSITION OF BOARD; TERMS. (a) The district is governed by a board of five elected directors.

(b)  Directors serve staggered four-year terms.

Added by Acts 2017, 85th Leg., R.S., Ch. 869 (H.B. [2803](http://capitol.texas.gov/tlodocs/85R/billtext/html/HB02803F.HTM)), Sec. 1.04, eff. April 1, 2019.

Sec. 8884.052.  ELECTION OF DIRECTORS. (a)  Directors are elected according to the commissioners precinct method as provided by this section.

(b)  One director is elected by the voters of the entire district. One director is elected from each county commissioners precinct by the voters of that precinct.

(c)  A person shall indicate on the application for a place on the ballot:

(1)  the precinct that the person seeks to represent; or

(2)  that the person seeks to represent the district at large.

(d)  When the boundaries of the county commissioners precincts are redrawn under Section 18, Article V, Texas Constitution, a director in office on the effective date of the change, or elected or appointed before the effective date of the change to a term of office beginning on or after the effective date of the change, shall serve the term or the remainder of the term representing the precinct from which the person was elected or appointed even though the change in boundaries places the person's residence outside that precinct.

Added by Acts 2017, 85th Leg., R.S., Ch. 869 (H.B. [2803](http://capitol.texas.gov/tlodocs/85R/billtext/html/HB02803F.HTM)), Sec. 1.04, eff. April 1, 2019.

Sec. 8884.053.  ELECTION DATE.  The district shall hold an election to elect the appropriate number of directors on the uniform election date in November of each even-numbered year.

Added by Acts 2017, 85th Leg., R.S., Ch. 869 (H.B. [2803](http://capitol.texas.gov/tlodocs/85R/billtext/html/HB02803F.HTM)), Sec. 1.04, eff. April 1, 2019.

Sec. 8884.054.  QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE. (a)  Except as provided by Section 8884.052(d), to be eligible to be a candidate for or to serve as director at large, a person must be a registered voter of the district.

(b)  To be a candidate for or to serve as director from a county commissioners precinct, a person must be a registered voter of that precinct.

Added by Acts 2017, 85th Leg., R.S., Ch. 869 (H.B. [2803](http://capitol.texas.gov/tlodocs/85R/billtext/html/HB02803F.HTM)), Sec. 1.04, eff. April 1, 2019.

SUBCHAPTER C. POWERS AND DUTIES

Sec. 8884.101.  GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES.  The district has the rights, powers, privileges, functions, and duties provided by the general law of this state, including Chapters 36 and 50, Water Code, applicable to groundwater conservation districts created under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution.

Added by Acts 2017, 85th Leg., R.S., Ch. 869 (H.B. [2803](http://capitol.texas.gov/tlodocs/85R/billtext/html/HB02803F.HTM)), Sec. 1.04, eff. April 1, 2019.