

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 4131
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Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Interested parties explain that the Westchase District is one of the first management districts created in Texas and that certain Local Government Code provisions applicable to all management districts do not align with the laws applicable to the Westchase District. The parties cite benefits to harmonizing certain statutory provisions relating to the district and management districts in general and contend that these changes are important to maintain the smooth functioning of the district and the ability of the district to compete with other management districts. H.B. 4131 seeks to amend the applicable law.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 4131 amends the Special District Local Laws Code to remove a provision allowing the Westchase District to issue a bond payable from assessments after holding an election in the manner provided by Local Government Code provisions governing elections in municipal management districts. The bill specifies that the type of election that the board of directors of the Westchase District is prohibited from calling, unless a written petition requesting the election has been filed with the board, is a bond election.

H.B. 4131 repeals Section 3802.104, Special District Local Laws Code, relating to limitations imposed by Local Government Code provisions governing competitive bidding and disadvantaged business in municipal management districts on Westchase District's authority to enter into certain competitive bidding contracts for more than \$10,000 for services, improvements, or the purchase of property.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2015.