

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

H.B. 4179  
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Special Purpose Districts  
Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Interested parties contend that certain land located in Williamson County but outside the corporate limits of any city would benefit from being developed into single-family residential homes and supporting infrastructure. The parties suggest that such development will need water, sewer, drainage, and road services. H.B. 4179 seeks to address this need.

### **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. 4179 amends the Special District Local Laws Code to create the Williamson County Municipal Utility District No. 32, subject to voter approval at a confirmation election and municipal consent. The bill grants the district power to undertake certain road projects and requires the district to maintain a connection between a road inside the district and a public roadway that intersects a district boundary and to allow such a connection to be built at the request of a political subdivision adjacent to the district or the Texas Department of Transportation. The bill authorizes the district, subject to certain requirements, to issue obligations and impose property, operation and maintenance, and contract taxes. The bill, if it does not receive a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to each house, prohibits the district from exercising the power of eminent domain.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

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