

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

H.B. 2802  
By: Larson  
Natural Resources  
Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Interested parties note that river authorities are special districts that are subject to oversight by multiple entities but contend that the limited sunset review of these authorities may not be appropriate for this type of special district as sufficient oversight and regulatory requirements are already in place for these districts. H.B. 2802 seeks to address this issue by repealing provisions of law subjecting certain river authorities to limited review under the Texas Sunset Act.

### **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. 2802 repeals provisions that subject the following river authorities to limited review under the Texas Sunset Act: the Angelina and Neches River Authority, the Bandera County River Authority and Groundwater District, the Brazos River Authority, the Central Colorado River Authority, the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority, the Lavaca-Navidad River Authority, the Lower Colorado River Authority, the Lower Neches Valley Authority, the Nueces River Authority, the Palo Duro River Authority of Texas, the Red River Authority of Texas, the Sabine River Authority of Texas, the San Antonio River Authority, the San Jacinto River Authority, the Sulphur River Basin Authority, the Trinity River Authority of Texas, the Upper Colorado River Authority, and the Upper Guadalupe River Authority.

H.B. 2802 repeals the following provisions:

- Section 325.025, Government Code
- Section 8501.0015, Special District Local Laws Code
- Section 1A, Chapter 629, Acts of the 62nd Legislature, Regular Session, 1971
- Section 8505.0021, Special District Local Laws Code
- Section 1A, Chapter 75, Acts of the 43rd Legislature, 1st Called Session, 1933
- Section 1A, Chapter 186, Acts of the 50th Legislature, Regular Session, 1947
- Section 8503.0021, Special District Local Laws Code
- Section 8503.015(b), Special District Local Laws Code

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- Section 1.02A, Chapter 427, Acts of the 44th Legislature, 1st Called Session, 1935
- Section 1A, Chapter 438, Acts of the 63rd Legislature, Regular Session, 1973
- Section 1A, Chapter 279, Acts of the 56th Legislature, Regular Session, 1959
- Section 2A, Chapter 110, Acts of the 51st Legislature, Regular Session, 1949
- Section 8502.0021, Special District Local Laws Code
- Section 1-a, Chapter 276, Acts of the 45th Legislature, Regular Session, 1937
- Section 1A, Chapter 426, Acts of the 45th Legislature, Regular Session, 1937
- Section 1A, Chapter 3, Acts of the 69th Legislature, 1st Called Session, 1985
- Section 1A, Chapter 518, Acts of the 54th Legislature, Regular Session, 1955
- Section 1A, Chapter 126, General Laws, Acts of the 44th Legislature, Regular Session, 1935
- Section 1A, Chapter 5, page 1062, Special Laws, Acts of the 46th Legislature, Regular Session, 1939

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2017.