

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 4278
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Natural Resources
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Interested parties note that changes to the governing provisions of the West Travis County Municipal Utility District No. 3 are needed for a potential merger with another district. H.B. 4278 seeks to make these changes.

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. 4278 amends the Special District Local Laws Code to require the West Travis County Municipal Utility District No. 3 to hold an election to elect the appropriate number of directors on the uniform election date in November of each even-numbered year. The bill expands the district's powers and duties to include the rights, powers, privileges, functions, and duties relating to a road district or road utility district created under certain provisions of the Texas Constitution and relating to the provision of potable and nonpotable water to the residents and businesses of Travis and Hays Counties, including the construction, acquisition, operation, and maintenance of a supply and distribution facility or system. The bill prohibits the district from constructing, acquiring, operating, or maintaining a toll road.

EFFECTIVE DATE

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