

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

C.S.H.B. 2201  
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Committee Report (Substituted)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Reports indicate that the Southwestern Travis County Groundwater Conservation District was unable to hold an initial district confirmation election on the uniform election date in May 2018 due to election costs. There have been calls to hold the confirmation election during a general election period to help defray those costs. C.S.H.B. 2201 seeks to address this issue by changing the election date for the district's confirmation election.

### **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**

C.S.H.B. 2201 amends the Special District Local Laws Code to postpone the date on which an election to confirm the creation of the Southwestern Travis County Groundwater Conservation District and to elect the initial directors is to be held from not later than the uniform election date in May 2018 to not later than the uniform election date in November 2019. The bill changes from the uniform election date in May 2020 to the uniform election date in November 2020 the earliest uniform election date for which the temporary directors may order an election to be held to confirm the creation of the district and to elect the initial directors if the district's creation was not confirmed at the earlier election.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2019.

### **COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL AND SUBSTITUTE**

While C.S.H.B. 2201 may differ from the original in minor or nonsubstantive ways, the following summarizes the substantial differences between the introduced and committee substitute versions of the bill.

The substitute includes a provision postponing the date on which an election to confirm the creation of the district and to elect the initial directors is to be held. The substitute changes the postponed earliest date on which such an election may be held when the district's creation was not confirmed at an earlier election from the uniform election date in November 2019 to the uniform election date in November 2020.

The substitute changes the bill's effective date.