

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 1219
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Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Concerns have been raised over legislation passed in 2017 that increased the threshold required for the creation of a municipal management district, and subsequent legislation in 2019 that adjusted the threshold to dissolve a district, but did not account for districts created prior to September 1, 2017, that may have had a low threshold for district creation. H.B. 1219 seeks to address these concerns by establishing the threshold for the dissolution by petition of a municipal management district created before September 1, 2017, to more appropriately correspond with the lower creation threshold for older districts.

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. 1219 amends the Local Government Code to change the threshold for the dissolution by petition of a municipal management district created before September 1, 2017, from a petition filed by the owners of at least two-thirds of the assessed value of the property subject to assessment or taxation by the district to a petition filed by the owners of at least 55 percent of such assessed value.

H.B. 1219 amends the Water Code to decouple the procedures for the dissolution of a ship channel security district by petition from those applicable to a municipal management district and retain the existing petition threshold for that type of security district.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2021.