

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

S.B. 1949  
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Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Current law provides that only owners of taxable property within Dallas County Flood Control District No. 1 may serve on its board of directors. However, there are only approximately 100 residences in the district, most of which are rental properties. The district has found it difficult to recruit board members and garner interest from the landowners in the district, which is made up of mostly commercial properties where the business owners and managers often do not own the physical property. S.B. 1949 seeks to address this issue and expand the pool of qualified directors.

### **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**

S.B. 1949 amends the Special District Local Laws Code to revise the eligibility requirements for a director of the Dallas County Flood Control District No. 1 by removing the sole requirement that a director own land in the district subject to taxation and establishing instead that a person who qualifies in any of the following ways is eligible to serve in that capacity:

- owns taxable property in the district;
- owns stock, whether beneficial or otherwise, of a corporate owner of property in the district;
- owns a beneficial interest in a trust that owns property in the district; or
- is an agent, employee, or tenant of an owner of qualifying taxable property, stock, or beneficial interest in a trust.

The bill requires a director to be at least 18 years of age.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2021.