

- SUBJECT:** Tarrant County WCID retirement and disability plans
- COMMITTEE:** Natural Resources — favorable, without amendment
- VOTE:** 7 ayes — Counts, Combs, Corte, King, R. Lewis, Puente, Walker
0 nays
2 absent — Yost, Stiles
- SENATE VOTE:** On final passage, May 8 — 30-0
- WITNESSES:** No public hearing
- BACKGROUND:** Tarrant County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1 was created by the Tarrant County Commissioner's Court pursuant to the predecessor statute to Chapter 51 of the Water Code. A special law, Chapter 352, VACS. art. 8280-207a, enacted by the 57th Legislature in 1961, governs the district's ability to provide retirement, disability and death plans to its employees and officers. The statute essentially limits the district to offering a defined benefit plan.
- Repealing Chapter 352 would allow the district to avail itself of pension and disability plans allowed to other public entities and governed by general law such as Government Code, Chapter 810, which provides for the establishment of public retirement systems.
- DIGEST:** SB 1674 would repeal VACS, art. 8280-207a, Chapter 352, which governs the Tarrant County Water Control and Improvement District's authority to offer compensation packages to its employees and officers for retirement, disability and death plans.
- SB 1674 would provide that any compensation or benefit plan offered by the district on the effective date of the bill, could be continued under the authority of general law.
- The bill would take immediate effect if approved by two-thirds of the membership of each house.