

SUBJECT: Validating boundaries of Dallas County water control district

COMMITTEE: Natural Resources — favorable, as amended

VOTE: 5 ayes — Puente, Campbell, Hardcastle, Hilderbran, Hope
0 nays
4 absent — Callegari, Bonnen, Geren, Laney

SENATE VOTE: On final passage, May 10 — 31-0, on Local and Uncontested Calendar

WITNESSES: None

BACKGROUND: The Dallas County Water Control and Improvement District No. 6 was established in 1951 to provide water and sewer services to parts of Mesquite, parts of Dallas, and to Balch Springs, all in Dallas County. In 1981, the district became a municipal utility district, although it retained its original name. The boundaries were last validated in 1991 through SB 461 by Leedom and in a general validation statute in 2001.

The district intends to use a bond issue to improve sewer lines and requires a validation of its boundaries to include newly annexed land.

DIGEST: SB 1772, as amended, would validate the boundaries of Dallas County Water Control and Improvement District No. 6 to include areas annexed since the last validation. It would not grant any additional powers or duties or permit the district to provide additional water service to the City of Mesquite without the city's consent.

The bill would take immediate effect if finally passed by a two-thirds record vote of the membership of each house. Otherwise, it would take effect September 1, 2005.

NOTES:

The committee amendment would stipulate that the bill would not grant any additional powers or duties or permit the district to provide additional water service to the city of Mesquite without the city's consent.