

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 1206
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Committee Report (Amended)

DIGEST

Currently, the Municipal Solid Waste Management and Resource Recovery Advisory Council (council) exists to advise the Municipal Solid Waste Management Program. The council is currently composed of six elected officials and 11 members representing a variety of constituencies and the public, some constituencies may no longer need representation, while other constituencies may not be represented. This bill updates the requirements for the composition of the council.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 1206 updates the requirements for the composition of the Municipal Solid Waste Management and Resource Recovery Advisory Council.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 363.041, Health and Safety Code, as follows:

Sec. 363.041. COMPOSITION OF ADVISORY COUNCIL. Provides that the Municipal Solid Waste Management and Resource Recovery Advisory Council (council) is composed of 18, rather than 17, members. Deletes a provision providing that a member of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (commission) is a member of the council. Provides that a registered waste tire processor, rather than a registered fixed waste tire processor, is a member of the council. Provides that a professional engineer from a private engineering firm with experience in the design and management of solid waste facilities, a solid waste professional with experience managing or operating a commercial solid waste landfill, and a person who is experienced in the management and operation of a composting or recycling facility or an educator with knowledge of the design and management of solid waste facilities are members of the council. Deletes a provision providing that a registered, mobile waste tire processor is a member of the council.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 363.044, Health and Safety Code, as follows:

Sec. 363.044. PAYMENT OF AND REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES. Provides that each advisory council member is entitled to compensation and reimbursement of travel expenses incurred by the member while conducting the business of the advisory council, as provided in the General Appropriations Act. Deletes a provision providing that each advisory council member other than the member representing the commission is entitled to \$50 for each council meeting the member attends and the travel allowance provided by the General Appropriations Act for state employees. Deletes a provision providing that the member representing the commission is to be entitled to receive the same per diem and travel allowance the member receives for commission meetings.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 1997.
Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 4. Emergency clause.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES

Amendment 1.

Page 2, line 14, after "facilities" delete "or an educator with knowledge of the design and management of solid waste facilities."

Page 2, line 19, after "facility" insert "or an educator with knowledge of the design and management of solid waste facilities."