

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, municipal utility districts (district) are not specifically granted the power to enter into agreements with municipalities which require payments by the district to the municipalities for purposes beyond the scope of district activities contemplated in a consent agreement creating an individual district. Wells Branch Municipal Utility District was created through the consent agreement process. This bill will authorize the Wells Branch Municipal Utility District to enter into a contract with a municipality, requiring payments to the municipality, for mutually agreeable purposes.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 1809 authorizes the Wells Branch Municipal Utility District to enter into a contract with a municipality, requiring payments to the municipality, for mutually agreeable purposes.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. DEFINITION. Defines "district."

SECTION 2. PURPOSE. Provides that the purpose of this Act is to meet the special needs of Wells Branch Municipal Utility District (district), which was created and operates under Article XVI, Section 59 of the Texas Constitution.

SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS. Provides that the legislature finds that there exists a public necessity to amend the law governing the district and that this Act will further the conservation and development of the natural resources of the state within the district.

SECTION 4. Amends Chapter 42B, Local Government Code, by adding Section 42.049, as follows:

Sec. 42.049. AUTHORITY OF WELLS BRANCH MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT. Authorizes the district to take certain actions. Authorizes a municipality to contract with the district to accomplish the purposes set forth in Subsection (a). Sets forth regulations regarding contracts entered into by the district. Authorizes the district to make annual appropriations from its operations and maintenance tax or other revenues lawfully available to the district to make payments to a municipality under a contract entered into under this section.

SECTION 5. Emergency clause.
Effective date: upon passage.