

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST**

Currently, the Bacliff Municipal Utility District of Galveston County (MUD) does not have the authority to install, operate, and maintain street lighting. This bill would grant the MUD the authority, subject to voter approval, to install, operate, and maintain street lighting, and would authorize the MUD to assess its costs as an additional charge in the monthly billing of customers.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, H.B. 1304 grants the Bacliff Municipal Utility District of Galveston County (MUD) the authority, subject to voter approval, to install, operate, and maintain street lighting, and authorizes the MUD to assess its costs as an additional charge in the monthly billing of customers.

### **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 Article 8280-286, V.T.C.S., by adding Section 2A, as follows:

Sec. 2A. Authorizes the Bacliff Municipal Utility District of Galveston County (MUD) to install, operate, and maintain street lighting within a public utility easement or public right-of-way inside MUD boundaries, if the actions are approved by a majority of voters of the MUD voting at an election called and held for that purpose. Authorizes the MUD to assess the cost of installing, operating, and maintaining the street lighting as an additional charge in the monthly billings of the MUD's customers. Prohibits the MUD from using money from taxes or bonds supported by taxes for a purpose described by this section.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.