

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, special restrictions are placed on the Jefferson County Drainage District No. 7. These restrictions were put in place prior to the enactment of the Water Code. H.B. 3847 would require this district to comply with Chapter 49, Water Code, rather than the special legislation.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 3847 requires the Jefferson County Drainage District No. 7 to comply with Chapter 49, Water Code, rather than the special legislation.

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 Sections 3, 4, and 13, Chapter 34, Acts of the 57th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, 1962, to authorize the Jefferson County Drainage District No. 7 (district) to disburse moneys of the district on checks, drafts, orders, or other instruments issued in accordance with Chapter 49, Water Code. Provides that the commissioners of the district are elected in accordance with Chapter 49D, Water Code, and serve four year-year terms. Requires the moneys to be disbursed in accordance with Chapter 49, Water Code; that Section 49.157, Water Code, applies to deposits and investments, and that Chapter 49G, Water Code, applies to audits of the district's fiscal accounts and records. Deletes language authorizing the district to disburse moneys with the approval of certain other public authorities. Deletes composition of the commissioner of the district. Delete text that makes the County Treasurer of Jefferson County the treasurer of the district. Deletes requirements regarding money disbursed by the district.

SECTION 2. (a) Effective date: September 1, 1999.

(b)-(e) Sets forth requirements for the transition of elections up to the third and subsequent elections of commissioners of the district.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.