

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST**

Currently, the Maverick County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1 serves an area where the voting eligibility depends upon, among other things, whether a person lives within the district, or whether a person lives within the district and the city limits of the district. If a person lives within the city limits, the person is prohibited from voting in a district election, although the person may have irrigable land within the district and must pay taxes to the district. Moreover, another individual may live within the district and may not own irrigation land within the district boundaries, but does have the ability to vote in the election. S.B. 1890 would allow the person who lives in the city limits to vote in a district election and prohibit the person who does not receive any services from the district from voting in the election.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, S.B. 1890 amends the voter eligibility for the Maverick County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1.

### **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 Chapter 51E, Water Code, by adding Section 51.221, as follows:

Sec. 51.221. ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE: MAVERICK COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1. Defines "district." Sets forth individuals who are eligible to vote in an election conducted by the Maverick County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1 (district). Requires an eligible person to register with the district by a certain date. Requires the district to file with the county clerk of Maverick County a list of the district's registered voters, by a certain date.

SECTION 2. Makes a person who is not eligible to vote on January 1, 2000 in a district election not liable for any tax imposed by the district on or after January 1, 2000. Provides that the person continues to be liable for the payment of any tax and pro rata share of any district debt imposed or existing before that date.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 4. Emergency clause.