

BILL ANALYSIS

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C.S.H.B. 1756
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Current law provides for the creation of conservation and reclamation districts that are, subject to voter approval, authorized to incur debt to provide permanent improvements and to levy taxes for the maintenance and operation of improvements for the repayment of debt.

C.S.H.B. 1756 creates a conservation and reclamation district to be known as Pilot Knob Municipal Utility District No. 2 over land in Travis County, Texas.

The district is approximately 557 acres located within the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of Austin. The district is supported by the developers (CARMA) and the City of Austin.

C.S.H.B. 1756 amends current law relating to the creation of the Pilot Knob Municipal Utility District No. 2 and provides authority to impose a tax and issue bonds.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Subtitle F, Title 6, Special District Local Laws Code, by adding Chapter 8376, as follows:

CHAPTER 8376. PILOT KNOB MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 2

Sets forth standard language for the creation of the Pilot Knob Municipal Utility District No. 2 (district) in Travis County. Sets forth standards, procedures, requirements, and criteria for:

Creation and approval of the district (Sections 8376.001-8376.050);

Size, composition, election, and terms of the board of directors of the district (Sections 8376.051-8376.100);

Powers and duties of the district (Sections 8376.101-8376.150);

General financial provisions and authority to impose a tax and to issue bonds and obligations for the district (Sections 8376.151-8376.250); and

Strategic partnership agreement and municipal annexation and notice (Sections 8376.251 and 8376.252).

Prohibits the district from exercising the power of eminent domain.

SECTION 2. Sets forth the initial boundaries of the district.

SECTION 3. Provides that all requirements of the constitution and laws of this state and the rules and procedures of the legislature with respect to the notice, introduction, and passage of this Act are fulfilled and accomplished.

SECTION 4. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2011.