

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 1757
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

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

H.B. 1757 proposes to create a conservation and reclamation district to be known as Pilot Knob Municipality Utility District No. 1 (district) over land in Travis County, Texas.

The proposed district is approximately 339 acres located within the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the city of Austin.

H.B. 1757 amends current law relating to the creation of the Pilot Knob Municipal Utility District No. 1, provides authority to impose a tax and issue bonds, and grants a limited power of eminent domain.

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 8____, as follows:

CHAPTER 8____. PILOT KNOB MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO.1

Sets forth standard language for the creation of the Pilot Knob Municipal Utility District No. 1 (district). Sets forth standards, procedures, requirements, and criteria for:

Creation and approval of the district (Sections 8____.001- 8____.050);

Size, composition, election, and terms of the board of directors of the district (Sections 8____.051- 8____.100);

Powers and duties of the district (Sections 8____.101- 8____.150);

General financial provisions of the district and authority to impose a tax (Sections 8____.151- 8____.200); and

Authority to issue bonds and other obligations of the district (Sections 8____.201- 8____.203).

Prohibits the district from exercising of the power of eminent domain outside the district to acquire a site or easement for a road project authorized by Section 8____.103 (Authority for Road Projects) or a recreational facility as defined by Section 49.462 (Definitions), Water Code.

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.