

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Interested parties explain that previously enacted legislation provided for the creation of county assistance districts to enable counties to levy a sales tax in areas of the county with a specified maximum tax levy and to spend the sales tax revenue within the district's boundaries for certain purposes. The parties contend that the inability of a county assistance district to be created within or to annex an area with a tax levy above that maximum greatly affects certain counties, such as Fort Bend County. Fort Bend County wants to utilize the sales tax revenue from a county assistance district to improve various roads that extend into municipalities of the county. But they are unable to do so because of current law. H.B. 2599 seeks to remedy this situation.

H.B. 2599 amends current law relating to the ability of certain county assistance districts to annex roads.

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 Chapter 387, Local Government Code, by adding Section 387.0031, as follows:

Sec. 387.0031. INCLUSION OF ROADS IN CERTAIN DISTRICTS. (a) Provides that this section applies only to a district (district) created by a county with a population of more than 580,000 that borders a county with a population of more than four million.

(b) Authorizes the governing body of a district by order to include in the district a portion of a road, including associated drainage areas, that is located in a municipality located in the county that created the district if the municipality consents to the inclusion. Provides that an election is not required to approve an order described by this subsection.

(c) Authorizes the district to use money available to the district to perform maintenance or improvement on a road and the associated drainage areas included in the district in accordance with this section.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2015.