

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Gulf Coast Waste Disposal Authority (authority) is a governmental entity created by the Texas Legislature in 1969 with the broad charge to protect the waters of the State of Texas, focused primarily at that time on Galveston Bay watershed. The primary focus since inception has been regional industrial wastewater treatment serving the petrochemical industry. However, the authority's powers are much more broad and also include municipal wastewater treatment, water systems and reuse, solid waste management, and bond financing services.

The authority is seeking to change its name to Gulf Coast Authority in order to better represent all of the services they provide and reduce confusion among customers, potential customers, and the public.

S.B. 1489 changes the name of the Gulf Coast Waste Disposal Authority to the Gulf Coast Authority.

As proposed, S.B. 1489 amends current law relating to the Gulf Coast Waste Disposal Authority.

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 Section 1.02, Chapter 409, Acts of the 61st Legislature, Regular Session, 1969, to change a reference to the Gulf Coast Waste Disposal Authority to the Gulf Coast Authority.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 1.03(a)(1), Chapter 409, Acts of the 61st Legislature, Regular Session, 1969, to redefine "Authority" to mean the Gulf Coast Authority, rather than the Gulf Coast Waste Disposal Authority.

SECTION 3. Amends Section 2.01, Chapter 409, Acts of the 61st Legislature, Regular Session, 1969, to change a reference to the Gulf Coast Waste Disposal Authority to the Gulf Coast Authority.

SECTION 4. Amends Chapter 409, Acts of the 61st Legislature, Regular Session, 1969, by adding Section 2.015, as follows:

Sec. 2.015. NAME CHANGE. Provides that a reference in law to the Gulf Coast Waste Disposal Authority means the Gulf Coast Authority.

SECTION 5. Amends Section 8104.006, Special District Local Laws Code, as follows:

Sec. 8104.006. New heading: RELATIONSHIP TO GULF COAST AUTHORITY. Changes a reference to the Gulf Coast Waste Disposal Authority to the Gulf Coast Authority.

SECTION 6. Amends Section 8104.205, Special District Local Laws Code, to change references to the Gulf Coast Waste Disposal Authority to the Gulf Coast Authority.

SECTION 7. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2017.