

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

The periods for which taxes for a fire control, prevention, and emergency medical services district may be imposed following initial voter approval do not align with predetermined election dates to reauthorize such a tax, which creates issues for municipal election scheduling. H.B. 4075 seeks to address this issue by better aligning the time for the dissolution or re-approval of a district with uniform election dates.

H.B. 4075 amends current law relating to the dissolution of fire control, prevention, and emergency medical services districts.

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 344.260(a), Local Government Code, as follows:

(a) Provides that if less than a majority of the votes cast in a continuation referendum election are for the continuation of a district or if a majority of the votes cast in a dissolution referendum are for dissolution of the district:

- (1) makes no changes to this subdivision;
- (2) the district is dissolved and ceases to operate as provided by Section 344.301.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 344.301, Local Government Code, as follows:

Sec. 344.301. **TIME FOR DISSOLUTION OF DISTRICT.** (a) Provides that a district is dissolved on the first uniform election date that occurs after the fifth anniversary of, rather than five years after the date, the municipality began to impose taxes for district purposes if the district has not held a continuation or dissolution referendum.

(b) Provides that the district is dissolved on the first uniform election date that occurs after the fifth anniversary of the date of the most recent continuation or dissolution referendum.

(c) Provides that Subsection (b) does not apply to a district that is continued under Section 344.251(g), and that district is dissolved on the first uniform election date that occurs after the end of the period for which it was continued, rather than the expiration of the period for which it was continued.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2019.