

BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 1120
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Natural Resources
Committee Report (Substituted)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

In 1979, the 66th Legislature created the Greater Texoma Municipal Utility District, a conservation and reclamation district in Grayson County. Four years later, legislation was passed which changed the name of the district to the Greater Texoma Utility Authority (Authority). This change was made in an effort to avoid any possible confusion with developer municipal utility districts.

Section 3A relating to bidding requirements was added to the same piece of legislation in 1983, to provide guidance from the Texas Water Code regarding competitive bidding procedures. Since 1983, the Texas Water Code has been expanded to provide ample guidance for bidding procedures for conservation and reclamation districts like the Greater Texoma Utility Authority.

C.S.H.B. 1120 would bring the Authority back under the provisions of Chapter 49 of the Texas Water Code for purposes of competitive bidding procedures.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 1120 repeals Section 3A, Chapter 97, Acts of the 66th Legislature, Regular Session, 1979. The effect of the repeal of this section is to remove the competitive bidding requirement specific to the Authority. Since the Authority would then not have a specific bidding requirement, the Authority would be subject to Chapter 49, Texas Water Code, as are other districts without specific provisions.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or if the Act does not receive the necessary vote, the Act takes effect on September 1, 2003.

COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL TO SUBSTITUTE

C.S.H.B. 1120 modifies the original bill by deleting the words "removal of the" and "in the law governing" and by adding the word "for" in the caption. This change is expected to have no impact on the original intent of H.B. 1120.