

BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 167
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Committee Report (Substituted)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

First created by an Act of the 75th Legislature in 1995, Municipal Development Districts (MDD's) were created to help fund, develop, construct, and operate major development projects within the boundaries of these districts. MDD's are unique in that their boundaries lie in more than two counties.

C.S.H.B. 167 would allow MDDs in counties with populations of 3.3 million or more to use money towards development projects within the district boundaries or the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the municipalities in which the district is located if the project is beneficial to the district.

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

The bill allows MDDs in counties with populations of 3.3 million or more to use money in its project development fund towards all aspects of development projects within the district boundaries or the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the municipality where the district is located if the project is beneficial to the district.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect of the 91st day after the last day of the legislative session.

COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL TO SUBSTITUTE

The substitute differs from the original to allow only those MDD's within a county with a population of 3.3 million or more, to pay costs of projects within the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the municipality where that district is located. The original applied to all existing Municipal Development Districts.