

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

S.B. 718  
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County Affairs  
Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Currently, Section 775.013, Health and Safety Code, provides requirements for the content of a petition to create an emergency services district. Subsection (a)(3) of that section requires the petition to include the proposed district's boundaries as designated by "metes and bounds" or other "sufficient legal description." In some instances a county may not be able to establish definite "metes and bounds" and will need to use a "sufficient legal description."

As proposed, S.B. 718 provides that "sufficient legal description" can be boundaries coextensive with the boundaries of another political subdivision existing on a particular date. This will allow the boundaries of the emergency services district to be designated using the existing boundaries of a county or a city.

### **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**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 775.013, Health and Safety Code, by adding Subsection (a-1), to provide that a statement that the boundaries of [an emergency services] district are coextensive with the boundaries of another political subdivision, as those boundaries exist on a particular date, is a sufficient legal description for the purpose of Subsection (a)(3) (Contents of Petition).

SECTION 2. Effective date

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

Upon passage, or, if the Act does not receive the necessary vote, the Act takes effect September 1, 2005.