

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

H.B. 3980  
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Natural Resources  
Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Galveston County Municipal Utility District No. 67 (the "district") encompasses an area of land inside the corporate limits of the City of Texas City, Texas. HB 3980 amends Chapter 8151, Special District Local Laws Code, to extend the confirmation deadline and to provide the district with navigation powers.

### **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 8151.003, Special District Local Laws Code, to read as follows:

Sec. 8151.003. CONFIRMATION ELECTION REQUIRED. Provides that if the creation of the district is not confirmed at a confirmation election held under Section 8151.023 before September 1, 2009: the district is dissolved September 1, 2009, except that: (A) any debts incurred shall be paid; (B) any assets that remain after the payment of debts shall be transferred to Galveston County; and (C) the organization of the district shall be maintained until all debts are paid and remaining assets are transferred. Provides that this chapter expires September 1, 2011.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 8151.025, Special District Local Laws Code, to read as follows:

Sec. 8151.025. EXPIRATION OF SUBCHAPTER. Provides that this subchapter expires September 1, 2011.

SECTION 3. Adds Section 8151.106 to Subchapter C, Chapter 8151, Special District Local Laws Code, to read as follows:

Sec. 8151.106. NAVIGATION DISTRICT POWERS. Provides that the district may purchase, construct, acquire, own, operate, maintain, improve, or extend, inside or outside the district, a canal, waterway, bulkhead, dock, or other improvement necessary or convenient to accomplish the purposes of a navigation district under Chapters 60 and 62, Water Code, and Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution.

SECTION 4. Amends Section 8151.201(a), Special District Local Laws Code, to read as follows:

Provides that the district may issue bonds or other obligations as provided by Chapters 49 and 54, Water Code, payable wholly or partly from ad valorem taxes, impact fees, revenue, grants, or other district money, to finance any district purpose.

SECTION 5. Provides that proper and legal notice setting forth the general substance of this Act has been published as provided by law. Provides that the notice and a copy of this Act have been furnished to all persons, agencies, officials, or entities to which they are required to be furnished under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, and Chapter 313, Government Code. Provides that the Governor has submitted the notice and Act to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. Provides that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has filed its recommendations relating to this Act with the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Speaker of

the House of Representatives within the required time. Provides that all requirements of the Constitution and laws of this State and the rules and procedures of the legislature with respect to the notice, introduction, and passage of this Act have been fulfilled and accomplished.

SECTION 6. Provides that this Act will take 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 September 1, 2007.

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

Upon passage, or, if the Act does not receive the necessary vote, the Act takes effect September 1, 2007.