BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

The land located within the boundaries of the proposed municipal utility district, the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of Gunter, is to be developed into single-family residential and commercial development. Therefore, water, sewer, drainage, and road services need to be secured. It is necessary to create the district under Chapters 49 (Provisions Applicable to All Districts) and 54 (Municipal Utility Districts), Water Code, in order to purchase, acquire, or construct facilities for such services to serve the future occupants of the land by utilizing tax exempt bonds.

H.B. 4069 creates the Platinum Ranch Municipal Utility District No. 1 of Grayson County (district). This bill provides that the territory of the district will lie within the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of Gunter, Texas. This bill provides regulations regarding the creation, administration, powers, duties, operation, and financing of the district. This bill also provides the district with the authority to impose a tax and issue bonds, and grants the district the power of eminent domain.

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 Subtitle F, Title 6, Special District Local Laws Code, by adding Chapter 8256, as follows:

CHAPTER 8256. PLATINUM RANCH MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF GRAYSON COUNTY

Sets forth the standard language for the creation of the Platinum Ranch Municipal Utility District No. 1 (district) in Grayson County. Sets forth standards, procedures, requirements, and criteria for:

Creation and approval of the district (Sections 8256.001 - 8256.050);

Size, composition, election, and terms of the board of directors of the district (Sections 8256.051 - 8256.100);

Powers and duties of the district (Sections 8256.101 - 8256.150); and

General financial provisions and authority to impose taxes and issue bonds and obligations for the district (Sections 8256.151 - 8256.201).

Authorizes the district to exercise the power of eminent domain.

SECTION 2. Sets forth the initial boundaries of the district.

SECTION 3. 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 are fulfilled and accomplished.

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SECTION 4. Effective date: September 1, 2007.