

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 2213
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Interested parties note that drainage districts are important to facilitating the relocation of flood waters and can mitigate the effects of large storms if properly managed. Willacy County currently has two drainage districts. H.B. 2213 seeks to create a third drainage district in the county to act on water drainage issues for the benefit of the general public of the county.

H.B. 2213 amends current law relating to the creation of the Willacy County Drainage District No. 3, provides authority to issue bonds, and provides authority to impose assessments, fees, or taxes.

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 A, Title 6, Special District Local Laws Code, by adding Chapter 6608, as follows:

CHAPTER 6608. WILLACY COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 3

Sets forth standard language for the creation of the Willacy County Drainage District No. 3 (district) in Willacy County. Sets forth standards, procedures, requirements, and criteria for:

Creation, purpose, and approval of the district (Sections 6608.001-6608.004);

Size, composition, appointment, and terms of the board of directors (Section 6608.051); and

Powers and duties of the district (Sections 6608.101-6608.103).

Prohibits the district from exercising the power of eminent domain.

SECTION 2. Provides that all requirements of the constitution and the 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.

SECTION 3. Provides that if the creation of the district is not confirmed at a confirmation election held under Section 1 of this Act before September 1, 2015, this Act and Chapter 6608, Special District Local Laws Code, as added by this Act, expire on that date.

SECTION 4. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2013.