

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

The Viridian Municipal Management District (district) was created by the 80th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2007, codified as Chapter 3861, Special District Local Laws Code. The purpose of the district is to promote, develop, encourage, and maintain employment, commerce, transportation, housing, tourism, recreation, arts and entertainment, economic development, safety, and public welfare in the district.

The district is located wholly within the corporate limits of the City of Arlington and Tarrant County. It is anticipated that upon completion, the development will contain approximately 3,854 single-family homes and townhomes

Currently, the district is governed by a board of directors, consisting of five directors, which has control over and management supervision of all affairs of the district. Directors are elected by eligible resident voters of the district, to staggered four-year terms. To be qualified to serve as a director, a person must own land within the district.

S.B. 1837 removes the election of directors and requires the mayor and members of the Arlington City Council to appoint them. The directors will still serve staggered four-year terms and be required to own land in the district.

As proposed, S.B. 1837 amends current law relating to the appointment of directors for the Viridian Municipal Management District.

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 Section 3861.052, Special District Local Laws Code, as follows:

Sec. 3861.052. New heading: APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS. Requires the mayor and members of the governing body of the City of Arlington to appoint directors. Provides that a person is appointed if the majority of those members and the mayor vote to appoint that person. Deletes existing text requiring the board to hold elections for directors on the uniform election date in May in even-numbered years.

SECTION 2. Provides that the changes in law made by this Act do not affect the entitlement of a director serving on the board of directors of the Viridian Municipal Management District immediately before the effective date of this Act to continue to carry out the board's functions for the remainder of the director's term. Requires the mayor and members of the governing body of the city, as the directors' terms expire, to replace the elected directors beginning with the directors whose terms expire May 31, 2014.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2013.