

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 83RD LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**May 8, 2013**

**TO:** Honorable Tommy Williams, Chair, Senate Committee on Finance

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE:** **HB3397** by Bonnen, Dennis (Relating to comprehensive reviews of certain special districts.), **As Engrossed**

<b>No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would add Chapter 2 to the Special District Local Laws Code to define “special district” as a political subdivision that has a limited geographic area created by local law or under general law for a special purpose, and is authorized to impose a tax, assessment, or fee. The term would not include a school or junior college district.

The bill would provide requirements for districts regarding comprehensive performance reviews; and self-evaluation reports and notices of hearings that must be made available for public inspection by the governing body of the district. The governing body of a special district must conduct a public hearing regarding the continuation or dissolution of the district. A special district would be required to maintain an Internet website to comply with the provisions of the chapter.

**Local Government Impact**

There could be costs to a special district for conducting a comprehensive performance review; publishing a self-evaluation report; and public notices and hearings; however, those amounts would vary depending on current procedures and a district's budget. Expenses for public notices and hearings could cost an estimated \$15,000 to each special district.

**Source Agencies:**

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