

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

S.B. 2032 proposes to grant road powers, including the authority to construct and finance roads under Section 52, Article III, Texas Constitution, to Galveston County Municipal Utility District No. 36 (the district).

Road infrastructure is necessary to promote the development of the area within the district.

The district was created by Order of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and operates under Chapters 49 and 54 of the Water Code.

This bill authorizes the district to construct and finance road projects.

As proposed, S.B. 2032 amends current law relating to the powers and duties of the Galveston County Municipal Utility District No. 36, and provides authority to issue bonds and impose fees and 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 F, Title 6, Special District Local Laws Code, by adding Chapter 7931, as follows:

CHAPTER 7931. GALVESTON COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 36

Sets forth language for the creation of the Galveston County Municipal Utility District No. 36 (district) in Galveston County. Sets forth standards, procedures, requirements, and criteria for:

Creation and approval of the district (Sections 7931.001-7931.002);

Powers and duties of the district (Sections 7931.051-7931.054); and

General financial provisions and authority to impose a tax and to issue bonds and obligations for the district (Sections 7931.101-7931.102).

SECTION 2. Provides that the district retains all rights, powers, privileges, authority, duties, and functions that it had before the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. (a) Provides that the legislature validates and confirms all governmental acts and proceedings of district that were taken before the effective date of this Act.

(b) Provides that this section does not apply to any matter that on the effective date of this Act:

(1) is involved in litigation if the litigation ultimately results in the matter being held invalid by a final court judgment; or

(2) has been held invalid by a final court judgment.

SECTION 4. 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.

SECTION 5. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2015.