

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 2881
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Urban Affairs
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Interested parties contend that local voters support moving the Old Celina Municipal Management District No. 1 from an appointed to an elected board. H.B. 2881 seeks to provide for the election of directors by qualified voters in the district.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 2881 amends the Special District Local Laws Code to change the composition of the Old Celina Municipal Management District No. 1 board of directors from three directors appointed by the governing body of the City of Celina and two specified city officers to five elected directors. The bill establishes member term lengths and requires the board to hold an election for directors on the uniform election date in May in odd-numbered years. The bill removes the exemption for a district director from general management district director qualification requirements and repeals a provision relating to the district's specific director qualifications. The bill changes the persons responsible for appointing a director to fill a board vacancy from the governing body of the city to the remaining directors.

H.B. 2881 removes the authorization for the governing body of the city to remove an appointed director and instead authorizes the board to remove a director by unanimous vote of the other directors if the director has missed at least half of the meetings scheduled during the preceding 12 months. The bill sets out the procedure for a director to make an appeal for reinstatement with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and sets out provisions relating to transitional directors and initial permanent directors.

H.B. 2881 repeals Section 3919.052(c), Special District Local Laws Code.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2017.