BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 3504 By: Miller County Affairs Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Interested parties note that the ability of a county assistance district to use district funding for certain types of projects would help limit the amount of taxes needed for those projects. H.B. 3504 seeks to address this issue by authorizing the governing bodies of certain districts to annex certain public right-of-ways and property.

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. 3504 amends the Local Government Code to authorize the governing body of a county assistance district created by a county with a population of more than 580,000 that borders a county with a population of more than four million by order to include in the district a portion of a public right-of-way, and county-owned property that is being used for a public purpose, that is located in a municipality located in the county that created the district and whose inclusion is consented to by the municipality. The bill expands the purposes for which such a district may use available money from the performance of maintenance or improvement on a road and the associated drainage areas included in the district to the performance of any function of the district under county assistance district provisions on a road or public right-of-way, including associated drainage areas, or any property included in the district.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2017.