

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

H.B. 4299  
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Special Purpose Districts  
Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Interested parties contend that an area within the City of Port Neches would benefit from an improvement district. H.B. 4299 seeks to provide for the creation of such an improvement 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. 4299 amends the Special District Local Laws Code to create the Port Neches Improvement District to provide certain improvements, projects, and services for public use and benefit. The bill provides for, among other provisions, the annexation of land by the district and approval by the City of Port Neches of certain district actions. The bill sets out the district's powers and duties, which include navigation district powers and, subject to certain requirements, the authority to issue obligations, impose and collect assessments, borrow money, and impose property, operation and maintenance, and contract taxes. The bill prohibits the district from exercising the power of eminent domain and establishes that a municipality is not required to pay the district's obligations.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2017.