BILL ANALYSIS

S.B. 2286 By: Creighton Special Purpose Districts Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Continued growth and development in the Southwest Montgomery County Improvement District has created the need for improvements and updates in the law relating to the district. S.B. 2286 seeks to provide these improvements and updates, including changing the district's name to the Westwood Magnolia Parkway 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

S.B. 2286 amends Chapter 323, Acts of the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, to revise provisions relating to the Southwest Montgomery County Improvement District. The bill renames the district as the Westwood Magnolia Parkway Improvement District. The bill revises provisions relating to the purposes of the district's creation and revises the district's territory. The bill decreases from 11 directors to five directors the number of directors on the district's board, provides for the transition to the new number of directors in a provision expiring January 2, 2025, and makes related changes to the governance and operation of the board.

S.B. 2286 revises provisions relating to authorized improvement projects and sets out provisions relating to tax and assessment abatements, disbursements and transfers of district money, money used for improvements or services, a petition required for financing services and improvements with assessments, assessments and liens for assessments, development corporation powers, a nonprofit corporation, agreements and grants, membership in charitable organizations, economic development programs, eligibility for inclusion in special zones, and authority to borrow money. The bill sets out provisions relating to the district's maximum sales and use tax rate in certain areas with overlapping local sales and use taxes and expands to any source of district money the sources from which district bonds may be secured and made payable. The bill repeals provisions relating to the payment of expenses. The bill provides for the validation and confirmation of certain district actions and proceedings taken before the bill's effective date.

S.B. 2286 repeals the following provisions of Chapter 323, Acts of the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003:

- Section 4
- Section 10(b)

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- Section 11
- Section 15
- Section 16
- Section 19
- Section 23

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2017.

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