BILL ANALYSIS

S.B. 2287 By: Creighton Special Purpose Districts Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Interested parties contend that the powers of the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 525 to undertake certain road projects need to be revised to accommodate new development in the district. S.B. 2287 seeks to make this revision.

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. 2287 amends the Special District Local Laws Code to include among the road powers of the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 525 the operation and maintenance of certain roads and to remove the limitation on the district's road powers to roads described by Water Code provisions relating to a municipal utility district's general road powers. The bill repeals provisions requiring the district to obtain municipal or county approval before undertaking a road project on a road that will be operated by the municipality or county and instead requires a district road project to meet all applicable construction standards, zoning and subdivision requirements, and regulations of each municipality in whose corporate limits or extraterritorial jurisdiction the road project is located and requires a district road project that is not located in the corporate limits or extraterritorial jurisdiction of a municipality to meet all applicable construction standards, subdivision requirements, and regulations of each county in which the road project is located. The bill establishes that the district retains all rights, powers, privileges, authority, duties, and functions that it had before the bill's effective date. The bill provides for the validation and confirmation of certain district actions and proceedings taken before the bill's effective date.

S.B. 2287 repeals Section 8326.104, Special District Local Laws Code.

EFFECTIVE DATE

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

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