BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 4642 By: King, Phil Natural Resources Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

It has been noted that continuing development and growth in the Dallas/Fort Worth area, now encroaching into Wise County, has created the need for large-scale, permanent improvements such as water supply and distribution facilities, wastewater collection and treatment facilities, drainage and flood control projects, and roadway improvements. H.B. 4642 seeks to amend the powers of the Rolling V Ranch Water Control and Improvement District No. 1 of Wise County to help keep up with such growth.

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. 4642 amends the Special District Local Laws Code to change from two to two or more the number of new districts into which the Rolling V Ranch Water Control and Improvement District No. 1 of Wise County may be divided. The bill changes the division procedure for the district from a procedure prescribed by certain fresh water supply district provisions to a procedure as set out by the bill.

H.B. 4642 authorizes the district to contract with a qualified party, including a county or a municipality, to provide law enforcement services in the district for a fee for purposes of protecting the public interest. The bill authorizes the district, in accordance with certain Water Code provisions, to impose a tax other than an operation and maintenance tax and use the revenue derived from the tax to make payments under a contract after the provisions of the contract have been approved by a majority of the district voters voting at an election held for that purpose.

H.B. 4642 repeals Section 9021.104(c), Special District Local Laws Code.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2019.

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