

BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 4656
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Committee Report (Substituted)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

There have been calls to codify and amend the powers and duties of the Brazoria County Municipal Utility District No. 13 to help the district better serve the local community. C.S.H.B. 4656 seeks to achieve this goal.

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

C.S.H.B. 4656 amends the Special District Local Laws Code to establish provisions relating to the Brazoria County Municipal Utility District No. 13 and the district's board of directors. The bill grants the district the power to undertake certain road projects. The bill authorizes the district, subject to certain requirements, to issue bonds and other obligations for road projects and impose property taxes. The bill establishes that the district retains all rights, powers, privileges, authorities, 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.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2019.

COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL AND SUBSTITUTE

While C.S.H.B. 4656 may differ from the original in minor or nonsubstantive ways, the following summarizes the substantial differences between the introduced and committee substitute versions of the bill.

The substitute includes provisions relating to the district's board of directors and naming the members of the temporary board of directors.