

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 4741
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Land & Resource Management
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

It has been suggested that an area in Grayson County would benefit from the creation of a municipal utility district. H.B. 4741 seeks to create the Grayson County Municipal Utility District No. 5.

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. 4741 amends the Special District Local Laws Code to create the Grayson County Municipal Utility District No. 5, subject to municipal consent and voter approval at a confirmation election. The bill grants the district the power to undertake certain road projects and provides for, among other provisions, the maintenance of certain roads in territory outside the corporate limits of a municipality and the division of the district. The bill authorizes the district, subject to certain requirements, to issue obligations and impose property, operation and maintenance, and contract taxes. The bill expressly prohibits the district from acting as a retail provider of water or wastewater service and, if the bill does not receive a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to each house, from exercising the power of eminent domain. The bill requires the district to make its water and wastewater facilities available to an entity holding the applicable certificate of public convenience and necessity.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2019.