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H.B. No. 956

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the dissolution of county assistance districts.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 387, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 387.013 to read as follows:

Sec. 387.013. DISSOLUTION. (a) The governing body of a district may petition the commissioners court of the county in which the district was created to dissolve the district if a majority of the governing body finds the performance of the district's functions cannot be accomplished to the benefit of the residents and owners of land in the district.

(b) The commissioners court of a county shall hold a hearing on the dissolution of a district if:

(1) the commissioners court receives a petition under Subsection (a); or

(2) in a district in which the commissioners court acts as the governing body of the district, a majority of the commissioners court finds that the performance of the district's functions cannot be accomplished to the benefit of the residents and owners of land in the district.

(c) A hearing under Subsection (b) must be held not later than the 61st day after the commissioners court receives the petition under Subsection (b)(1) or makes the finding described by Subsection (b)(2).

1 (d) The commissioners court shall give notice of the hearing
2 as required by law and include in the notice information regarding
3 the right of the residents and owners of land in the district to
4 appear and present evidence for or against the district's
5 dissolution.

6 (e) The commissioners court shall order the district
7 dissolved and the district's assets transferred to the county if:

8 (1) the commissioners court unanimously votes that
9 dissolution of the district is in the best interests of the
10 district, the county in which the district is located, and the
11 residents and owners of land in the district; and

12 (2) the district has no outstanding bonds payable
13 wholly or partly from district revenue and the dissolution does not
14 impair any outstanding district debt or contractual obligation.

15 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.