

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Morningstar Ranch Municipal Utility District No. 1 of Parker County (district) was created in 2009 by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). The district currently encompasses 380.3 acres located wholly within the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of Fort Worth, Texas. Because the district was created by TCEQ, the district only has the power to provide water, sewer, and drainage facilities.

H.B. 2835 grants the district standard road powers in the template form, which will allow the district to finance roads. In particular, H.B. 2835 creates a defined area over all of the tracts already existing in the district, allowing for financing and taxation in the defined area only. This will not impact areas in the district where roads currently exist.

H.B. 2835 amends current law relating to the powers and duties of the Morningstar Ranch Municipal Utility District No. 1, and provides authority to impose a tax and issue bonds.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Subtitle F, Title 6, Special District Local Laws Code, by adding Chapter 8490, as follows:

CHAPTER 8490. MORNINGSTAR RANCH MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1

Sets forth standard language related to the Morningstar Ranch Municipal Utility District No. 1 (district). Sets forth standards, procedures, requirements, and criteria for:

Creation and approval of and public purpose for the district (Sections 8490.0101-8490.0102);

Powers and duties of the district (Sections 8490.0201-8490.0205); and

General financial provisions and authority to impose a tax and issue bonds and obligations for the district (Sections 8490.0301-8490.0302).

SECTION 2. Provides that the district retains all rights, powers, privileges, authority, duties, and functions that it had before the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. Provides that all requirements of the constitution and laws of this state and the rules and procedures of the legislature with respect to the notice, introduction, and passage of this Act are fulfilled and accomplished.

SECTION 4. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2021.