

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

C.S.H.B. 4609  
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Committee Report (Substituted)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

It has been suggested that undeveloped land located within Williamson County would benefit from the creation of a municipal utility district. C.S.H.B. 4609 seeks to provide for the creation of such a district.

### **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. 4609 amends the Special District Local Laws Code to create the Williamson County Municipal Utility District No. 40, 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 the effect of the annexation of the district and for the division of the district. The bill authorizes the district, subject to certain requirements, to issue bonds and obligations and impose property, operation and maintenance, and contract taxes. The bill expressly prohibits the district from exercising the power of eminent domain if the bill does not receive a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to each house.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2021.

### **COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL AND SUBSTITUTE**

While C.S.H.B. 4609 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 a provision absent from the original conditioning the authority of the temporary directors of the district to issue bonds on the consent of the municipality and the approval and acceptance of a development and operating agreement. The substitute includes a provision absent from the original establishing the manner in which the consent must be granted.