BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

The Angelina County Water Control and Improvement District No. 4 (district) was created in 2001 by H.B. 2571 as a conservation and reclamation district to provide wastewater utility services to an anticipated initial customer count of 100 or more connections. As it exists today, the district has fewer than 50 customers. The district's wastewater system consists of a collection system that discharges directly into the City of Diboll's wastewater system and the district relies on the City of Diboll for wastewater transmission and treatment services.

As a direct result of the lack of anticipated customers, the district has experienced difficulties in maintaining adequate representation on the board of directors. In addition, the district has also experienced difficulties in maintaining the financial, managerial, and technical staff and consultants required to effectively operate a wastewater system that is compliant with state and federal regulations. The net result for the district has been a multi-year series of unauthorized discharges from the district's collection system that have caused the degradation of surface water quality in the area.

In an effort to permanently resolve the ongoing non-compliance-related issues, the City of Diboll has agreed to assume ownership of the district's wastewater infrastructure and to consolidate the district's territory into the territory associated with the City of Diboll's retail wastewater certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) No. 20150.

As proposed, S.B. 2211 amends current law relating to the dissolution of the Angelina County Water Control and Improvement District No. 4.

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. (a) Requires the directors of the Angelina County Water Control and Improvement District No. 4 (district) to wind up the affairs of the district.

(b) Provides that on the 60th day after the effective date of this Act the district is dissolved, the terms of the directors of the district expire, any remaining assets and liabilities of the district are transferred to the City of Diboll, and the territory of the district is added to the City of Diboll Sewer CCN No. 20150.

SECTION 2. Repealer, effective on the 61st day after the effective date of this Act: Chapter 1329 (relating to the creation, administration, powers, duties, operation, and financing of the district), Acts of the 77th Legislature, Regular Session, 2001.

SECTION 3. Provides that all requirements of the constitution and the 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, except as provided by Section 2 of this Act: upon passage or September 1, 2021.