

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 1615
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

H.B. 1615 is a representation of work performed by the Texas Legislative Council over the course of the interim as part of its duties relating to continuing statutory revision. H.B. 1615 is the update bill prepared each interim to nonsubstantively codify laws that should be included in previously enacted codes, appropriately renumber or reletter duplicate official citations, correct enacted codes to conform the codes to the source law from which they were derived, and revise codes or parts of codes enacted during the preceding legislative session to incorporate enactments of that session relating to water and wastewater special districts.

The Legislative Council's legal division staff has taken meticulous steps to ensure that the update bill does not include any substantive changes to the law. The draft has been posted on the Texas Legislative Council's website for review by the public.

H.B. 1615 amends current law relating to the nonsubstantive revision of certain local laws concerning water and wastewater special districts, including a conforming amendment.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

ARTICLE 1. NONSUBSTANTIVE REVISION OF LOCAL LAW

(Pages 1-90 of this bill.)

ARTICLE 2. CONFORMING AMENDMENT

Makes conforming changes to Section 3, Chapter 364, Acts of the 57th Legislature, Regular Session, 1961

(Pages 90-101 of this bill.)

ARTICLE 3. REPEALERS

Repeals various statutes relating to the Willacy County Navigation District, the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority, the Upper Guadalupe River Authority, the Franklin County Water District, and the Escondido Watershed District.

(Pages 101-104 of this bill.)

ARTICLE 4. GENERAL MATTERS

SECTION 4.01. LEGISLATIVE INTENT OF NO SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE. Provides that this Act is enacted under Section 43 (Revision of Laws), Article III (Legislative Department), Texas Constitution. Provides that this Act is intended as a codification only, and no substantive change in law is intended by this Act. Provides that this Act does not increase or decrease the

territory of any special district of the state as those boundaries exist on the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 4.02. PRESERVATION OF VALIDATION MADE BY PREVIOUS LAW. (a) Provides that the repeal of a law, including a validating law, by this Act does not remove, void, or otherwise affect in any manner a validation under the repealed law. Provides that the validation is preserved and continues to have the same effect that it would have if the law were not repealed.

(b) Provides that Subsection (a) of this section does not diminish the saving provisions prescribed by Section 311.031 (Saving Provisions), Government Code.

SECTION 4.03. EFFECTIVE DATE. Effective date: April 1, 2027.