

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 5651
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Natural Resources
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

The bill author has informed the committee that an area located within Montgomery County would benefit from the creation of a water control and improvement district. H.B. 5651 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

H.B. 5651 amends the Special District Local Laws Code to create the Montgomery County Water Control and Improvement District No. 7, subject to municipal consent and voter approval at a confirmation election, to provide certain improvements, projects, and services for public use and benefit. The bill provides for, among other provisions, water control and improvement district powers, road project authority, compliance with municipal consent ordinances or resolutions, and the issuance of bonds for recreational facilities. The district's powers and duties include, subject to certain requirements, the authority to issue obligations and impose property, operation and maintenance, and contract taxes. The bill 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.

H.B. 5651 establishes that all applicable requirements relating to the following have been fulfilled and accomplished with respect to the bill:

- the legal notice of intention to introduce;
- governor action;
- Texas Commission on Environmental Quality recommendations; and
- the state constitution and laws and legislative rules and procedures.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2025.