

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 5672
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Natural Resources
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

The bill author has informed the committee that in 2017 the 85th Texas Legislature created the Driftwood Conservation District, which is part of a golf course development in Driftwood in Hays County, that since its creation the district has conducted confirmation, director, and bond elections, and that the district is within the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of Dripping Springs. The bill author has also informed the committee that in 2021 the 87th Texas Legislature redefined the district's statutory boundaries to reflect the annexation of approximately 200 acres pursuant to three separate landowner annexation petitions over the course of several years and that the district has since approved the fourth petition in April 2023 for approximately 14 acres and the fifth petition in March 2025 for approximately 90 acres. The bill author has further informed the committee that the City of Dripping Springs has consented to all five annexations but that the district's statutory provisions do not currently reflect the district's boundaries as of the last two annexations. H.B. 5672 seeks to address this issue by changing the district's boundaries in the district's statutory provisions.

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. 5672 amends Chapter 632, Acts of the 85th Legislature, Regular Session, 2017, to change the boundaries of the Driftwood Conservation District.

H.B. 5672 establishes that the legislature validates and confirms all governmental acts, elections, and proceedings of the district that were taken before the bill's effective date. Such validation and confirmation expressly does not apply to any matter that on the bill's effective date:

- is involved in litigation if the litigation ultimately results in the matter being held invalid by a final court judgment; or
- has been held invalid by a final court judgment.

H.B. 5672 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.