

BILL ANALYSIS

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S.B. 3051
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

S.B. 3051 proposes the creation of Grassland Municipal Utility District No. 1 (district) of Collin County. The district will encompass 72 acres of currently undeveloped land. The land located within the district will be developed for residential purposes.

S.B. 3051 uses standard template language for creating a municipal utility district. The bill provides for financing of water, sewer, drainage, and road infrastructure. The bill also includes Collin County's required emergency services language.

As proposed, S.B. 3051 amends current law relating to the creation of the Grassland Municipal Utility District No. 1 of Collin County, grants a limited power of eminent domain, provides authority to issue bonds, and provides authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

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. Amends Subtitle F, Title 6, Special District Local Laws Code, by adding Chapter 8021A, as follows:

CHAPTER 8021A. GRASSLAND MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF
COLIN COUNTY

Sets forth standard language for the creation of the Grassland Municipal Utility District No. 1 (district) in Collin County. Sets forth standards, procedures, requirements, and criteria for:

General provisions, creation, and approval of the district (Sections 8021A.0101-8021A.0106);

Size, composition, election, and terms of the board of directors of the district (Sections 8021A.0201-8021A.0202);

Powers and duties of the district (Sections 8021A.0301A-8021A.0306); and

General financial provisions and authority to impose a tax and to issue bonds and obligations for the district (Sections 8021A.0401-8021A.0503).

SECTION 2. Sets forth the initial boundaries of the district.

SECTION 3. Provides that all requirements of the constitution and 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. (a) Provides that, if this Act does not receive a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to each house, Subchapter C (Powers and Duties), Chapter 8021A, Special District Local Laws Code, as added by Section 1 of this Act, is amended by adding Section 8021A.0307 to read as follows:

Sec. 8021A.0307. NO EMINENT DOMAIN POWER. Prohibits the district from exercising the power of eminent domain.

(b) Provides that this section is not intended to be an expression of a legislative interpretation of the requirements of Section 17(c) (relating to authorizing the legislature to enact a certain law granting the power of eminent domain to an entity only on a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to each house), Article I (Bill of Rights), Texas Constitution.

SECTION 5. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2025.