BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 1574 By: Paddie Natural Resources Committee Report (Substituted)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

It has been suggested that changes are needed to the laws governing the Riverbend Water Resources District regarding district members and director terms to allow for the district to continue to grow and develop into a well-functioning entity that serves the local interests of its region. C.S.H.B. 1574 seeks to provide for these changes.

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

C.S.H.B. 1574 amends the Special District Local Laws Code to include a water supply corporation as an entity that the board of directors of the Riverbend Water Resources District may add as a member of the district on petition by the entity's governing body. The bill requires the governing body of a district member required to appoint a district director to conduct a review of the director appointed by the governing body before the director's term expires. The bill authorizes the governing body, after conducting the review and on expiration of the director's term, to reappoint the director or appoint a new director in the applicable manner. The bill repeals provisions that prohibit a district director from serving more than two consecutive terms and that prohibit a former director from serving again before the fourth anniversary of the last day of the director's previous term.

C.S.H.B. 1574 repeals Sections 9601.051(f) and (g), Special District Local Laws Code.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2019.

COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL AND SUBSTITUTE

While C.S.H.B. 1574 may differ from the original in minor or nonsubstantive ways, the following summarizes the substantial differences between the introduced and committee substitute versions of the bill.

The substitute includes provisions that require the governing body of a district member required to appoint a director to conduct a review of the director appointed by the governing body before

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the director's term expires and that authorize the governing body, after conducting the review and on expiration of the director's term, to reappoint the director or appoint a new director.

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