

SUBJECT: Dissolving an Angelina County water control and improvement district

COMMITTEE: Natural Resources — favorable, without amendment

VOTE: 8 ayes — Larson, Phelan, Ashby, Burns, Frank, T. King, Lucio, Price

0 nays

3 absent — Kacal, Nevárez, Workman

SENATE VOTE: On final passage, May 3 — 31-0

WITNESSES: No public hearing

BACKGROUND: The Angelina County Commissioners Court created the Water Control and Improvement District No. 3 in 1999 to provide wastewater service to an unincorporated area in the county. The Angelina County Fresh Water Supply District No. 1, created in 1966, provides water and wastewater services in the county. Both water districts have taxing authority.

DIGEST: SB 2282 would require the directors of the Angelina County Water Control and Improvement District (WCID) No. 3 to wind up the affairs of the district beginning on the effective date of the bill. The territory of WCID No. 3, as it existed on April 1, 2017, also would be transferred to the Angelina County Fresh Water Supply District No. 1 on that date. Thirty days after the effective date, the district would be dissolved, the terms of the directors would expire, and all assets and liabilities would be transferred to the Angelina County Fresh Water Supply District No. 1.

Within 30 days of the effective date of the bill, the board of directors of Angelina County WCID No. 3 could select one member to serve as a nonvoting member of the board of Angelina County Fresh Water Supply District No. 1 until the next election of directors.

SB 2282 would specify that legal notice of the intention to introduce the bill had been published as provided by law and furnished to all required

persons, agencies, officials, and entities.

This bill would take immediate effect if finally passed by a two-thirds record vote of the membership of each house. Otherwise, it would take effect September 1, 2017.

**SUPPORTERS
SAY:**

SB 2282 is necessary to dissolve the Angelina County Water Control and Improvement District No. 3, which has faced hardships for several years due to its geographic isolation, and transfer district territory to the Angelina County Fresh Water Supply District No. 1. The proposal to dissolve the district was a local initiative started because sewer services from District No. 3 were hard to access and had little connectivity. The bill would streamline local government and achieve economies of scale by consolidating these two districts, benefitting local taxpayers.

**OPPONENTS
SAY:**

No apparent opposition.

NOTES:

A companion bill, HB 4332 by Ashby, was placed on the House Local, Consent, and Resolutions Calendar for May 19.