BILL ANALYSIS

Senate Research Center

S.B. 1888 By: Brown Natural Resources 4-2-97 As Filed

DIGEST

A few special districts (water control and improvement districts and municipal utility districts) lie in the extraterritorial or other jurisdictions of more than one city. Since 1959, the dissolution of any such special districts has normally been effected under Section 43.076, Local Government Code or its precursor laws. In 1971, the legislature enacted Sections 43.077 and 43.078, Local Government Code. These two sections essentially mandate the dissolution and termination of any special district located in more than one municipality within 90 days after the occurrence of certain events, notably the inclusion of all territory of the special district within the boundaries of cities. This bill would repeal these two sections and establish Section 43.076, Local Government Codec as the viable mechanism for the dissolution of a special district located in more than one municipality.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 1888 repeals Sections 43.077 and 43.078, Local Government Code regarding certain special districts.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Repealer: Sections 43.077 and 43.078, Local Government Code (Abolition of Certain Conservation & Reclamation Districts - Municipal Boundaries & Annexation; Alternate Method of Abolition of Conservation & Reclamation District - Municipal Boundaries & Annexation).

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1997.

Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.