BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

The Open Meetings Act requires the board of directors of a water district which plans to hold a joint meeting to give 72 hours notice of the meeting in a place readily accessible to the general public. Current law also requires notice of the meeting to be published not later than the 30th day before the date of the meeting in a newspaper with general circulation in each county in the management area, which can be costly and time consuming. H.B. 2032 removes the 30 day publishing requirement.

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 Section 36.108(c), Water Code, to delete language requiring the notice of the meeting to be published no later than a certain date.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2001.