

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

H.B. 1135 authorizes the City of Amarillo to consider the creation of a tourism public improvement district (TPID) within the city. The ultimate goal of this legislation is to provide additional funding to grow Amarillo's tourism market and to create potential for the Panhandle region. The funding will be provided for by self assessments against stakeholders within the district.

H.B. 1135 amends current law relating to a common characteristic or use project in a public improvement district in certain municipalities.

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 372.0035(a), Local Government Code, as follows:

(a) Provides that this section (Common Characteristic or Use For Projects in Certain Municipalities) applies only to:

(1) a municipality that:

(A)-(B) makes nonsubstantive changes to these paragraphs; or

(C) has a population of more than 180,000 and less than 200,000; and

(2) a public improvement district established under this subchapter (Public Improvement Districts) and solely composed of territory in which the only businesses are:

(A)-(B) makes nonsubstantive changes to these subdivisions; or

(C) hotels with 10 or more rooms ordinarily used for sleeping, if the district is established by a municipality described by Subdivision (1)(C).

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2019.