

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

The Cottonwood Creek Water Control and Improvement District No. 3 (district) was created under the general law, and the creation has been confirmed. The district is located within western Bastrop County, approximately 10 miles south of the City of Elgin and 9 miles west of the City of Bastrop. No infrastructure has been developed within the district's boundaries.

Passage of this bill will allow the district to provide the public financing and ownership needed for the development of Greenport International Technology Campus and Greenport International Airport. In addition to the powers granted under the general law relating to water, sewer, and drainage, the bill provides the district additional powers to finance, operate, and own roadways, airport-related facilities, and other related infrastructure needed to enhance the transportation and utility infrastructure of the state and region and to develop and diversify the economy of the State of Texas and the region.

This bill also adds three tracts of land located within Bastrop County to the district's boundaries.

(Original Author's/Sponsor's Statement of Intent)

C.S.S.B. 2225 amends current law relating to the Cottonwood Creek Development District, the district's authority to issue bonds, and the district's authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

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. Provides that the district created by Travis County as the Cottonwood Creek Water Control and Improvement District No. 3 is renamed the Cottonwood Creek Development District (district).

SECTION 2. Amends Subtitle X, Title 6, Special District Local Laws Code, by adding Chapter 11016, as follows:

CHAPTER 11016. COTTONWOOD CREEK DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Sets forth standard language for the creation of the district. Sets forth standards, procedures, requirements, and criteria for:

General provisions, including the nature and public purpose of the district, initial district territory, and eligibility for inclusion in special zones (Sections 11016.0101-11016.0108);

Powers and duties of the district, including adding or removing territory (Sections 11016.0201-11016.0210);

Assessments and the authority to impose certain taxes and issue bonds (Sections 11016.0301-11016.0406); and

Dissolution of the district by the board (Section 11016.0901).

Prohibits the district from exercising the power of eminent domain.

SECTION 3. Sets forth the initial boundaries of the district.

SECTION 4. Provides that all requirements of the constitution and the laws of this state and the rules and procedures of the legislature with respect to the notice, introduction, and passage of this Act are fulfilled and accomplished.

SECTION 5. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2021.