HCS HB 563 -- DRAINAGE AND LEVEE DISTRICTS

SPONSOR: Myers (Rucker)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Agriculture Policy by a vote of 20 to 0.

This substitute gives any drainage district, levee district, or drainage and levee district five years after the lapse of the corporate charter to reinstate and extend the time of its corporate existence through the circuit court having jurisdiction.

The substitute contains an emergency clause.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2006, FY 2007, and FY 2008.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that without the time extension for the renewal of the corporate charter of a drainage district, levee district, or drainage and levee district these districts will be required to go through a long and costly formation process. Reinstatement is financially preferable to the formation of these districts.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Rucker; and Joel Muller.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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