

HB 884 -- Special Business Districts

Sponsor: Wright-Jones (63)

Currently, the governing body of a city must conduct a survey which includes a suitable location and the approximate cost of the improvements when establishing a special business district. This bill requires the petitioners instead of the governing body to submit the results of the survey to the governing body.

The bill allows the governing body to modify the tax rate ceiling by resolution.

Currently, the governing body of the city creating the district has sole discretion as to how the revenue derived from any taxes can be used for the district. For districts administered by an appointed board of commissioners, the bill gives the board sole discretion as to how the revenue derived from any taxes can be used for the district instead of the governing body.

The allowable tax a district may impose on real property is increased from 85 cents to \$1.50 on every \$100 of assessed valuation to pay for the district's operating expenses.