

HB 2073 -- Transportation Development Districts

Sponsor: Faith

This bill establishes special requirements for the formation of a transportation development district (TDD) to operate a public mass transportation system.

Currently, owners of property adjacent to a TDD may petition the court by the unanimous approval of the owners to add their property to the district and the property must be added to the district. The bill specifies that the unanimous approval requirement will not apply to any TDD formed by a local transportation authority to operate a public transportation system, and the court must add the adjacent property in the petition upon the approval and consent of the TDD's board of directors.

The board of directors for a district formed by local transportation authorities to operate a public mass transportation system must consist of between three and five members appointed by the chief executive officers of each local transportation authority. Any director appointed by a chief executive officer may be removed by the officer at any time with or without cause. The State Highways and Transportation Commission is prohibited from appointing advisers to these boards, and these districts are not required to submit their proposed project plans to the commission for its approval.

Real property taxes for TDDs will not be considered payment in lieu of taxes as it relates to the Real Property Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act, and tax revenues derived from the property taxes will not be subject to allocation under the act. The sales tax for these districts must not be considered economic activity taxes as it applies to the tax increment financing statutes and are not subject to allocation by those statutes. The Transportation Development District Sales Tax Trust Fund is created to deposit the sales tax revenues generated by these TDDs.