

SENATE BILL SUMMARY

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SB 1210 Special Districts/Charter Codification by Senator Baker

Declares that it is the policy of the state to codify the charter of each independent and dependent special district every 10 years. Requires each governmental entity that creates an independent or dependent special district to be responsible for the subsequent examination of the charter. Requires that the Legislature dispose of the assets of a special district it abolishes and assign the district's powers and duties.

Requires that the Department of Community Affairs confirm any recommendation by a local governmental entity to abolish a special district. Provides the schedule of special district codifications. Provides procedures with respect to newly created districts, to districts that appear in more than one function classification, and to districts the codification of which was inadvertently omitted. Provides liability of a special district officer or board member when an audit shows that the officer or board member is responsible for financial loss by the special district through misfeasance, malfeasance, or nonfeasance. (See bill for details)