

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	SB 838
Version:	ENGR
Request Number:	NA
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Impact:	Permissive for Creation of Public Safety Protection Districts

Provides Election Procedures

Provides for Millage Levy

Research Analysis

Engrossed SB838 allows a governing body of a municipality to create a public safety protection district. The district would include all territory within the municipality and be managed by the governing body which created the district. The voters of the municipality would have the power to approve creation of the district in a special election. An annual assessment of no more than 5 mills on the dollar of assessed property value would be used for operation and maintenance of the district, including purchasing and maintaining public safety equipment/vehicles, payment of salaries and benefits for law enforcement/fire protection/emergency medical services employees of the municipality, or payment for emergency medical services.

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Fiscal Analysis

The measure provides the structure for a municipality to create a public safety protection district, including election cost responsibilities, the assessment of a levy of no more than five (5) mills for the operation and maintenance of a district and other elements of a district. Any costs associated with the creation of a district and revenue derived from an ad valorem levy will depend on the municipalities that begin the process for the creation of a district as provided in the bill.

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Other Considerations

None.