

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

H.B. 3891  
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Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

It has been noted that municipally owned utilities are not currently considered a governmental entity for the purposes of the Texas Tort Claims Act and that such consideration would be beneficial. H.B. 3891 seeks to address this issue by classifying a unit of a political subdivision, including a municipally owned water utility, as a governmental unit for the purposes of the act.

### **CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

### **ANALYSIS**

H.B. 3891 amends the Civil Practice and Remedies Code to classify a unit of a political subdivision, including a municipally owned water utility, as a governmental unit for purposes of the Texas Tort Claims Act.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2019.