

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **AUTHOR'S/SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

In 2003, the Texas Legislature attempted to provide relief to land owners within a water district of 5,000 acres or more who have not received service from the district during the past 28 years by creating a mechanism for landowners to petition for the removal of their lands from the water district. The legislation established an August 31, 2005, deadline for submitting petitions. Extending the sunset provision to August 31, 2007, would provide affected landowners time to organize and use the provisions of the legislation to remove their lands from the water district.

H.B. 1207 extends the sunset provision to August 31, 2007.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 49.3076(a), Water Code, to require the board of a water district to call a hearing on the exclusion of land from the district on a written petition filed with the secretary of the board by a landowner whose land has been included in and taxable by the district for more than 28 years if any bonds issued by the district are outstanding and the petition, among other things, is filed before August 31, 2007, rather than 2005.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2005.