

BILL ANALYSIS

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S.B. 390
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

It has been suggested that the Lions Municipal Golf Course in Austin, known locally as "Muny," which is currently owned by The University of Texas at Austin and leased by the city be preserved as a green space and for its historical significance.

Because of this, the 86th Texas Legislature passed S.B. 2553 by Senator Watson to establish the Save Muny Historical District. However, an agreement has not been reached, and the district is set to dissolve on May 31, 2021.

S.B. 390 would extend the deadline by which the district board must reach an agreement to May 31, 2023. The district would continue to be expressly prohibited from imposing taxes or exercising eminent domain, and would continue to be authorized to issue bonds and impose fees.

S.B. 390 amends current law relating to the date of dissolution of the Save Historic Muny District.

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 3988.0302(d), Special District Local Laws Code, to prohibit the Save Historic Muny District (district) from entering into a certain contract with the city unless the district enters into an agreement before May 31, 2023, rather than 2021, with the owner of the land used for the historic Lions Municipal Golf Course that provides for the purchase of the land or a method of preserving the land as a public golf course, publicly available parkland, or a combination of those uses.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 3988.0901, Special District Local Laws Code, to require the district's board of directors (board), except as limited by Section 375.264 (Limitation on Dissolution by Board), Local Government Code, to dissolve the district not later than May 31, 2023, rather than 2021, unless as of that date, the district has entered into an agreement with the owner of the land used for the historic Lions Municipal Golf Course that provides for the purchase of the land or a method of preserving the land as a public golf course, publicly available parkland, or a combination of those uses.

SECTION 3. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2021.