

NO FISCAL IMPACT

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Rep. Acree**Bill Status:** Senate Local Government & Energy**Fiscal Analyst:** Harry Zeid (303-866-4753)

TITLE: CONCERNING THE EXCEPTION OF WEIGHTED VOTES FROM VOTING REQUIREMENTS GOVERNING THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF A METROPOLITAN SEWAGE DISPOSAL DISTRICT.

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, any action of a board of directors of the Metropolitan Wastewater Reclamation District must have the approval of a majority of board members present and voting at a meeting at which a quorum is present. This bill excepts weighted voting conducted in accordance with bylaws of the district, applicable resolutions of the board, or other laws or rules governing the procedures of the board from these requirements.

The bill takes effect August 11, 2010, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 12, 2010, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

Background

The Metropolitan Wastewater Reclamation District is the wastewater treatment authority for most of the Denver metropolitan area. It was established by statute in 1961. The district serves 59 local governments, including both cities and sanitation districts in the Denver area. Of these local governments, 22 are metro district members who have voting representation on the metro district's board of directors. The district encompasses about 615 square miles, including all of Denver, and parts of Adams, Arapahoe, Jefferson, and Douglas counties, as well as 45 sanitation, water, and sanitation special districts.

Assessment

The bill simply authorizes the governing board of the Metropolitan Wastewater Reclamation District to use weighted voting when exercising its powers. The bill does not affect state or local revenue or expenditures, and is therefore assessed as having no fiscal impact.

Departments Contacted

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