(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the municipal research council to contract for the provision of research and services to special purpose districts. A contract for at least two FTEs shall be made with a state agency, educational institution, or private consulting firm, that in the judgment of council members is qualified to provide such research and services.

Declares that research and services to special purpose districts shall consist of: (1) Studying and researching issues relating to special purpose district government; and

(2) Furnishing legal, technical, consultative, and field services to special purpose districts concerning issues relating to special purpose district government.

Appropriates the sum of two hundred thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, from the public works trust fund to the special purpose district research services account.

Appropriates the sum of two hundred thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, from the public works trust fund to the special purpose district research services account.