

FINAL BILL REPORT

SB 5556

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Concerning irrigation district administration.

Sponsors: Senators Warnick, Hatfield and Honeyford.

Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water & Rural Economic Development
House Committee on Local Government

Background: Once an irrigation district's assessment on a property within the district becomes delinquent, the assessment lien on the property is subject to foreclosure. After completion of a title search, foreclosure proceedings may be conducted by the treasurer of the district. In the alternative, the county treasurer may combine foreclosure of real property tax liens with those of the district's. Notice and summons to defend or pay must be given to all parties in interest who are disclosed by the title search.

Creation of a board of joint control is authorized in some circumstances for two or more districts to combine in projects perceived by all participating districts to be of joint benefit. The powers and duties of the districts participating in a joint board continue unaffected within their several districts.

Summary: Holders of recorded easements need not be served with notice and summons and any treasurer's deed subsequently issued is subject to these easements.

Statutes are repealed that require joint boards to prepare budgets for the joint boards and provide notice and hearing of those budgets.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate 48 0

House 97 0

Effective: July 24, 2015

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