

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6204

As of January 17, 2018

Title: An act relating to mosquito control districts.

Brief Description: Concerning mosquito control districts.

Sponsors: Senators Cleveland, Rivers, Takko, Wilson, King, Bailey, Short, Warnick, Honeyford and Braun.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Local Government: 1/18/18.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Moves the statutory provisions that govern liens, collections, payment of assessments, delinquent assessments, interest and penalties, lien foreclosure and foreclosed property as applied to mosquito control districts, from the local county road improvement districts statutes to the statutes relating to the collection of property taxes.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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Background: Mosquito Control Districts. Mosquito control districts are special purpose districts created to protect public health, safety, and welfare by abating or exterminating mosquitoes within the district. Districts are funded through assessments on all property in the district. The amount of the assessment is determined by the value of a property and the proportionate benefit it receives from the district's services. The county road improvement districts statutes govern the process for handling liens, the collection and payment of current and delinquent assessments, interest, and penalties, and property foreclosures on behalf of mosquito control districts.

County Road Improvement Districts. Counties are authorized to create county road improvement districts to facilitate the construction of new roads or the improvement of existing roads and other related facilities. Counties that create road improvement districts have the power to levy and collect special assessments against the real property specially

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benefited by the district for the purpose of paying the whole or any part of the cost of acquisition of rights-of-way, construction, or improvement.

Summary of Bill: Liens, collections, payment of assessments, delinquent assessments, interest and penalties, lien foreclosure, and foreclosed property as applied to mosquito control districts, are now governed by the statutes on property tax collection, rather than the county road improvement districts statutes.

County treasurers may impose an annual fee for collecting special assessments on behalf of mosquito control districts.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.