

HB 764 -- Transportation Development Districts

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Currently, the qualified electors of a proposed transportation district include any people who live within the proposed district who are registered voters or, if no one living within the proposed district is eligible to vote, people who own property within the proposed district. This bill revises the definition of "qualified electors" to include any people residing within the district who are registered to vote and the owners of real property. Owners of real property will receive one vote per acre, and any registered voter who also owns property must choose whether to vote as an owner or a registered voter.

Currently, the district must submit the proposed project, with the proposed plans and specifications, to the Highways and Transportation Commission for its approval before construction or funding for the project can begin. The bill allows the commission to give preliminary approval to the project, subject to the district providing the plans and specifications for the project. After receiving preliminary approval, the district can impose and collect taxes and assessments included in the commission's preliminary approval.

Owners of all the property located within a district are allowed, by unanimous petition filed with the district's board of directors, to remove any property from the district if the removal will not materially affect any of the district's obligations.