

Recent Legislation

- HB 2602 (2012, House Local Gov't Comm.)
 - Created a joint select committee on junior taxing districts and established the membership and responsibilities of the committee
 - Duties: Evaluate junior taxing districts and their provided services in order to make recommendations regarding their appropriateness for consolidation into a general purpose local government
 - Deliverables: Report findings and recommendations, as draft legislation, to the Governor and to the Ways and Means committees of the House and Senate by December 31, 2012
- Modified on House floor, not adopted by Senate

Recent Legislation (continued)

- 3ESHB 2127 (*Enacted 2012, Sections 101 and 102*)
 - "...\$50,000 of the general fund--state appropriation for fiscal year 2013 is provided solely for a joint select committee on junior taxing districts, municipal corporations, and local government finance. The...committee will be composed of two members from each caucus from the house and from the senate. [1] The...committee shall review junior taxing districts and municipal corporations for the purpose of evaluating their provided services and making recommendations on the appropriateness of consolidating services into a general purpose local government. [2] The...committee shall also examine new revenue options for local governments. [3] The...committee shall also review the impact of the passage of Initiative Measure No. 1183 on public safety needs, and provide a sustainable plan for the use and disbursement of excess liquor revenues. In completing its review and recommendations, the...committee shall seek pertinent information and advice from: (a) Organizations representing counties, cities, and junior taxing districts; (b) counties, cities, and junior taxing districts; (c) the department of revenue; and (d) the state auditor."