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Senate Bill 715 (as introduced 8-5-09)
Sponsor: Senator Gerald Van Woerkom
Committee: Local, Urban and State Affairs

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Drain Code to expand the information that must be included in a notice of a public meeting to review the apportionment of benefits of a proposed drain.

Under the Code, the county drain commissioner must give notice for the receipt of bids for the construction of a drain and for the holding of a public meeting to review the apportionment of benefits. The notice must contain specified information, such as the date, time, and place of receiving bids and of the public meeting. Under the bill, the notice also would have to include the following information:

- A statement that the review of apportionment would determine the amount of drain assessments against land included in the drainage district.
- A statement that drain assessments against land would be collected in the same manner as property taxes.
- A statement that if drain assessments against land were collected by installment, the land owner could pay them in full with any interest to date at any time and thereby avoid further interest charges.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no effect on State revenue or expenditures. The bill could affect the expenses of local units depending on how much information a local unit currently provides in the required notices. For units where the bill would require more information, it could minimally increase expenses for publishing notices.

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