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Bill Analysis

HB 2046 creates the Higher Education Institution Local Funding Act. It amends Article X, Section 9B subsection H to allow 2-year colleges to organize a funding district to receive operational millage rates and/or sinking fund millage rates. It prohibits a higher education funding district from including the territory or establish any levy of any technology center school district. To achieve a higher education funding district, the college's board of regents must adopt a resolution, notify the State Regents for Higher Education and draw up a map of the proposed district. It allows an election to approve the district to be held in November of even-numbered years, and it requires 60% voter approval. It allows the operational millage rate revenue to be used for employee salaries and benefits, utility costs, books, classroom supplies, physical plants, HVAC, motor vehicles, etc. It prohibits any of the revenue from being used to compete with programs or services offered by an existing technology center school district that is contiguous or in close proximity. It prohibits the State Regents from taking such revenue into consideration when allocating appropriated funds. If issuing bonds, it limits indebtedness to 25 years.

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