

Amending the boundaries of the Greater Southeast Management District

HB 4123 by Miles (Ellis)

DIGEST: HB 4123 would have expanded the territory of the Greater Southeast Management District, a municipal management district in Harris County.

**GOVERNOR'S
REASON FOR
VETO:**

“House Bill No. 4123 seeks to amend the enabling statute creating the Greater Southeast Management District, which is a municipal management district governed by Chapter 375, Local Government Code. The changes proposed by House Bill No. 4123 would increase the territory included in the district at the time of creation in 2001.

“Municipal management districts are intended to provide a means for municipalities to focus additional resources on specific areas or neighborhoods for improvements and revitalization. Currently, the law governing these districts applies concepts of local control under the Local Government Code. I support the use of management districts to promote and encourage employment, commerce, economic development and the public welfare.

“Under the Local Government Code, additions of land to the district are subject to approval by the governing body of the municipality in which the district is located. House Bill No. 4123 would expand the district’s territory in a manner that does not allow input from the citizens and property owners of the annexed land being brought into the management district. I support the current method of a district annexing property subject to the approval of the local governing body and the safeguards that public input provides.

“House Bill No. 4123 would usurp municipal oversight that is critical to the proper functioning of these districts and the appointment of board members and approval of boundary changes is a vital part of the municipalities’ oversight responsibility.”

RESPONSE: Rep. Borris Miles, the bill’s author, was unavailable for comment.

Sen. Rodney Ellis, the Senate sponsor, had no comment.

NOTES: HB 4123 passed the House on the Local, Consent, and Resolutions Calendar and was not analyzed in a *Daily Floor Report*.