

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 4192
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Municipal management districts are used to promote the development of both residential and commercial areas and to provide the infrastructure and supplemental services required of such areas. Interested parties contend that a municipal management district is needed to provide critical public infrastructure improvements, including water, sewer, drainage, road, and recreational facilities, to undeveloped land located in the municipal boundaries and extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of Simonton in Fort Bend County. H.B. 4192 seeks to create the Simonton Management District No. 1.

H.B. 4192 amends the Special District Local Laws Code to create the Simonton Management District No. 1 to provide certain improvements, projects, and services for public use and benefit. The bill provides for, among other provisions, the district's authority to annex land. The district's powers and duties include, subject to certain requirements, the authorization to issue obligations and impose assessments and property, operation and maintenance, and contract taxes. The district is prohibited from exercising the power of eminent domain.

H.B. 4192 amends current law relating to the creation of Simonton Management District No. 1, provides authority to issue bonds, and provides authority to impose assessments, fees, or taxes.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Subtitle C, Title 4, Special District Local Laws Code, by adding Chapter 3934, as follows:

CHAPTER 3934. SIMONTON MANAGEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1

Sets forth standard language for the creation of the Simonton Management District No. 1 (district) in Fort Bend County. Sets forth standards, procedures, requirements, and criteria for:

Creation and approval of the district (Sections 3934.001-3934.007);

Size, composition, election, and terms of the board of directors of the district, including the naming of initial directors (Sections 3934.051-3934.056);

Powers and duties of the district (Sections 3934.101-3934.112); and

General financial provisions and authority to impose a tax and to issue bonds and obligations for the district (Sections 3934.151-3934.155 and 3934.201-3934.206).

Prohibits the district from exercising the power of eminent domain.

SECTION 2. Sets forth the initial boundaries of the district.

SECTION 3. Provides that all requirements of the constitution and laws of this state and the rules and procedures of the legislature with respect to the notice, introduction, and passage of this Act are fulfilled and accomplished.

SECTION 4. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2015.