

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Denver Harbor and Port of Houston residents and commercial property owners have had concerns regarding deteriorating infrastructure and have sought more local control on the execution of local development projects. Much of the municipal infrastructure is in need of repair, including the green spaces utilized by the residential population. Residents impacted contend that this area would benefit from the creation of a management district.

H.B. 4271 creates the East Houston Management District, subject to voter approval at a confirmation election. The bill authorizes the district to levy assessments on commercial property in the district and utilize those revenues for development and redevelopment of the territory within the district boundary with services similar to those being utilized by other management districts created by past legislatures.

This bill does not provide the district with the power of eminent domain.

H.B. 4271 amends current law relating to the creation of the East Houston Management District; 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 3923, as follows:

CHAPTER 3923. EAST HOUSTON MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Sets forth standard language for the creation of the East Houston Management District (district) in the City of Houston (city). Sets forth standards, procedures, requirements, and criteria for:

Creation, purpose, and approval of the district (Sections 3923.001-3923.050);

Size, composition, appointment, compensation, and terms of the board of directors of the district, including the naming of the initial directors (Sections 3923.051-3923.100);

Powers and duties of the district (Sections 3923.101-3923.150);

General financial provisions and authority to impose a tax and issue bonds and obligations for the district (Sections 3923.151-3923.250); and

Dissolution of the district (Sections 3923.251-3923.254).

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 the 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, 2017.