

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

S.B. 2244 amends the Special District Local Laws Code to create the University Hills Municipal Management District (district) within the corporate limits of the City of Dallas, subject to a confirmation election, to provide certain improvements, projects, and services for public use and benefit. S.B. 2244 provides for, among other provisions, municipal management district powers, including the ability to provide supplemental public services, water district powers, road district powers, public improvement district powers, and division of the district. The district's powers and duties include, subject to certain requirements, the authorization to issue obligations secured by assessments without an election, to levy assessments, and to finance services or improvement projects with assessments upon petition of the owners of the majority of the assessed value of real property subject to assessment. Residential property is not given an exemption. S.B. 2244 prohibits the district from exercising the power of eminent domain, constructing or operating toll roads, or establishing without city consent a police or fire department. S.B. 2244 provides for the inclusion of the district in tax increment and abatement reinvestment zones.

As proposed, S.B. 2244 amends current law relating to the creation of the University Hills Municipal Management District; provides authority to issue bonds; and provides authority to impose assessments or fees.

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 3947, as follows:

CHAPTER 3947. UNIVERSITY HILLS MUNICIPAL MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Sets forth standard language for the creation of the University Hills Municipal Management District (district) in Dallas County. Sets forth standards, procedures, requirements, and criteria for:

Creation, public purpose, and initial district territory of the district (Sections 3947.001-3947.050);

Size, appointment, removal, and terms of the board of directors, including the naming of the initial directors (Sections 3947.051-3947.0100);

Powers and duties of the district (Sections 3947.101-3947.150);

Improvement projects and services (Sections 3947.151-3947.200);

Division of the district into multiple districts (Sections 3947.201-3947.250);

General financial provisions, assessments, authority to impose a tax and borrow money (Sections 3947.251-3947.300); and

Dissolution of the district (Sections 3947.301-3947.350).

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.