

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 4684
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

H.B. 4684 amends current law relating to the creation of the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 570; grants a limited power of eminent domain; provides authority to issue bonds; and provides authority to impose assessments, fees, and 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 F, Title 6, Special District Local Laws Code, by adding Chapter 7894, as follows:

CHAPTER 7894. HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 570

Sets forth standard language for the creation of the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 570 (district) in Harris County. Sets forth standards, requirements, procedures, and criteria for:

Creation, approval, purpose, and territory of the district (Sections 7894.0101–7894.0106);

Size, composition, election, and terms of the board of directors of the district, including provisions related to initial temporary directors (Sections 7894.0201–7894.0202);

Powers and duties of the district (Sections 7894.0301–7894.0307);

General financial provisions and authority to impose taxes (Sections 7894.0401–7894.0403); and

Authority to issue bonds and other obligations for the district (7894.0501–7894.0503).

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. (a) Provides that Section 7894.0307, Special District Local Laws Code, as added by Section 1 of this Act, takes effect only if this Act receives a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to each house.

(b) Provides that, if this Act does not receive a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to each house, Subchapter C, Chapter 7894, Special District Local Laws Code, as added by Section 1 of this Act, is amended by adding Section 7894.0307, as follows:

Sec. 7894.0307. NO EMINENT DOMAIN POWER. Prohibits the district from exercising the power of eminent domain.

(c) Provides that this section is not intended to be an expression of a legislative interpretation of the requirements of Section 17(c), Article I, Texas Constitution.

SECTION 5. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2019.