

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Harris County Improvement District No. 17 (district) was created in 2009, in the 81st Regular Session, to facilitate the development of acreage outside of the City of Tomball into commercial developments. H.B. 4731 seeks to update legislation regarding the district.

H.B. 4731 amends current law relating to the name and powers of the Harris County Improvement District No. 17; provides authority to issue bonds; and provides authority to impose a tax.

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 the heading to Chapter 3891, Special District Local Laws Code, to read as follows:

CHAPTER 3891. HARRIS-MONTGOMERY COUNTIES MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

SECTION 2. Amends Section 3891.001, Special District Local Laws Code, by amending Subdivision (3) and adding Subdivision (4), as follows:

(3) Redefines "district" to mean the Harris-Montgomery Counties Management District (district), rather than the Harris County Improvement District No. 17.

(4) Defines "recreational facilities."

SECTION 3. Amends Section 3891.002, Special District Local Laws Code, as follows:

Sec. 3891.002. NATURE OF DISTRICT. Provides that the district is a special district created under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, rather than providing that the Harris County Improvement District No. 17 is a special district created under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution.

SECTION 4. Amends Subchapter A, Chapter 3891, Special District Local Laws Code, by adding Section 3891.008, as follows:

Sec. 3891.008. INAPPLICABILITY OF OPTION TO SELECT EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION. Provides that Section 54.0163 (Option of Selection of Extraterritorial Jurisdiction For Certain Districts), Water Code, does not apply to the district.

SECTION 5. Amends Subchapter C, Chapter 3891, Special District Local Laws Code, by adding Section 3891.1071, as follows:

Sec. 3891.1071. PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT POWERS. Provides that the district has the powers provided by Chapter 372 (Improvement Districts in Municipalities and Counties), Local Government Code, to a municipality or county.

SECTION 6. Amends Subchapter D, Chapter 3891, Special District Local Laws Code, by adding Section 3891.1571, as follows:

Sec. 3891.1571. BONDS FOR RECREATIONAL FACILITIES. Provides that the limitation on the outstanding principal amount of bonds, notes, and other obligations provided by Section 49.4645 (District in Certain Counties: Bonds For Recreational Facilities), Water Code, does not apply to the district.

SECTION 7. 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 have been fulfilled and accomplished.

SECTION 8. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2019.