

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 5312
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

H.B. 5312 relates to the addition of road powers to Fort Bend Municipal Utility District No. 147 (district) to provide authority to establish and administer defined areas to pay for improvements, facilities, or services that primarily benefit that area or property and exempting the applicability of the acreage requirement, as provided by Subchapter J, Chapter 54, Texas Water Code. The bill would authorize the district, if confirmed at an election, to finance the construction, maintenance, and operation of roads and to remove the acreage requirement and authorize the district to establish and administer defined areas to pay for improvements, facilities, or services that primarily benefit that area or property as provided by Subchapter J, Chapter 54, Texas Water Code. The legislation contains the usual "template" provisions regarding the proposed road powers and defined area.

H.B. 5312 amends current law relating to the powers and duties of the Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 147, and provides authority to issue bonds and impose 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 7967A, as follows:

CHAPTER 7967A. FORT BEND COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 147

Sets forth standard language for the creation of the Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District (district). Sets forth standards, procedures, requirements, and criteria for:

Creation, purpose, and approval of the district (Sections 7967A.0101-7967A.0102);

Powers and duties of the district (Sections 7967A.0201-7967A.0205); and

General financial provisions, authority to impose a tax, and authority to issue bonds and other obligations for the district (Sections 7967A.0301-7967A.0303).

SECTION 2. 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 3. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2023.