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# Expanding powers of the Karis Municipal Management District

SB 2456 by Powell (Zedler)

## Digest

SB 2456 would have expanded the powers and duties of the Karis Municipal Management District of Tarrant County to administer and provide funding for community improvement projects and services in the district. The bill also would have changed the territory of the district, allowed the district to impose a civil penalty for certain violations, and provided expanded authority to issue bonds.

## Notes

SB 2456 passed on the Local, Consent, and Resolutions Calendar and was not analyzed in a *Daily Floor Report*.

## Governor's reason for veto

“Municipal management districts typically serve as a financing mechanism for commercial, residential, or entertainment development, but sometimes they are misused to supplant services that a city should provide, resulting in double taxation for district residents. Senate Bill 2456 illustrates the problem. It would give the Karis Municipal Management District, located within the City of Crowley, new powers to perform a litany of services paid for by assessments on property within the district. The services range from police and fire protection to the construction and permitting of public concession facilities. These are services that residents should expect the city to provide, using taxes the city imposes. Yet Senate Bill 2456 would allow the district to impose additional assessments for these services. Property owners should not be forced to pay both residential property taxes to the city and residential assessments to the district. Giving this district such expansive authority would reduce transparency and circumvent the taxpayer protections in Senate Bill 2.”

## Response

Neither **Sen. Beverly Powell**, the bill's author, nor **Rep. William “Bill” Zedler**, the House sponsor, had a comment on the veto.

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