

BILL ANALYSIS

S.B. 1974
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Natural Resources
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

S.B. 1974 amends the powers of Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 473 (the "District"). The district lies in the corporate limits of the City of Baytown and in Harris County. Currently, the district provides water, sewer, drainage and park facilities to land located within the boundaries of the district. This bill would provide the district with limited road powers pursuant to Article 3, Section 52 of the Constitution of Texas.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Subtitle F, Title 6, Special District Local Laws Code, by adding Chapter 8250, as follows:

CHAPTER 8250. HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 473

Sets forth standard language for the creation of the Harris County Municipal District No. 473 (district) in Harris County. Sets forth standards, procedures, requirements, and criteria for:

General Provisions (Sections 8250.001-8250.003);

Powers and duties of the district, including authority related to road projects (Sections 8250.051-8250.052); and

Authority to impose taxes and to issue bonds and obligations for the district (Sections 8250.101).

Sections 8250.004-8250.050 and 8250.053-8250.100 reserved for expansion.

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, if the Act does not receive the necessary vote, the Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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