BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

S.B. 1998 creates the Harris County Municipal County Utility District No. 509. Currently, the land located within the boundaries of the proposed district is undeveloped. The territory of the district would lie within the corporate limits of the City of Pearland and Harris County. The district would have all the powers granted to municipal utility districts operating pursuant to Chapters 49 (Provisions Applicable to All Districts) and Chapter 54 (Municipal Utility Districts), Water Code, with road powers pursuant to Section 52 (Counties, Cities or Other Political Corporations or Subdivisions; Lending Credit; Grant; Bonds), Article 3, Texas Constitution.

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 8217, as follows:

CHAPTER 8217. HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 509

Sets forth standard language for the creation of the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 509 (district) in Harris County. Sets forth standards, procedures, requirements, and criteria for:

Creation and approval of the district (Sections 8217.001 - 8217.050);

Size, composition, election, and terms of the board of directors of the district (Sections 8217.051 - 8217.100);

Powers and duties of the district (Section 8217.101 - 8217.150); and

General financial provisions and authority to impose taxes and to issue bonds and obligations for the district (Sections 8217.151 - 8217.203).

Prohibits the use of eminent domain by the district.

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. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2007.