

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 871
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Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Management Districts are currently required to notify property owners about scheduled hearings via certified mail, return receipt requested. This is an expensive method that puts a financial burden on many Management Districts.

HB 871 would allow Management Districts the flexibility to notify property owners of scheduled hearings either via the current method, certified mail with return receipt requested, or another method that a Management District's Board determines is suitable to provide adequate proof that the notice was timely mailed.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the opinion of the author that this bill does not expressly delegate any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

HB 871 amends Section 375.115(c), Local Government Code, to allow Management Districts to send written notice of scheduled hearings by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by another method determined by the board to provide adequate proof that the notice was timely mailed, not later than the 30th day before the date of the hearing.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Act takes effect September 1, 2009.