

BILL ANALYSIS

S.B. 994
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Natural Resources
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

This bill creates Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 192 (district). Currently, the land located within the boundaries of the proposed district is undeveloped. The territory of the district would lie within the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of Sugar Land, Fort Bend County, Texas.

S.B. 994 amends current law relating to the creation of the district, providing authority to impose a tax and issue bonds, and granting a limited power of eminent domain.

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 8330, as follows:

CHAPTER 8330. FORT BEND COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 192

SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sets forth standard language for the creation of the Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 192 (district) in Fort Bend County. Sets forth standards, procedures, requirements, and criteria for:

Creation and approval of the district (Sections 8330.001-8330.050);

Size, composition, election, and terms of the board of directors of the district (Sections 8330.051-8330.100);

Powers and duties of the district (Sections 8330.101-8330.150); and

General financial provisions and authority to impose a tax and to issue bonds and obligations for the district (Sections 8330.151-8330.203).

Prohibits the exercise of the power of eminent domain outside the district to acquire a site or easement for a road project authorized under Section 8330.103 (Authority for Road Projects) or a recreational facility as defined by Section 49.462 (Definitions), Water Code.

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. Provides the effective date of this Act.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2009.