

BILL ANALYSIS

S.B. 2522
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County Affairs
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

The original goal of the management district was set when the Greater East End Management District (district) was created by an Act of the 76th Legislature, Regular Session, 1999. The purpose of the district is to tax businesses and to use the money for community development. The district has turned pro-business and is no longer pro-people.

As proposed, S.B. 2522 changes the requirements of the board of directors of the district (board) to require that 60 percent of the members reside in the district. The remaining members are required to have a business interest within the management district. S.B. 2522 requires that the chairmanship of the board be rotated on a schedule determined by the board.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 3807.052, Special District Local Laws Code, as follows:

Sec. 3807.052. APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS. (a) Creates this subsection from existing text. Requires the mayor and members of the governing body of the City of Houston to appoint directors from persons recommended by the board of directors of the district (board). Requires a person, notwithstanding Subchapter D (Administrative Provisions; Board of Directors), Chapter 375 (Municipal Management Districts in General), Local Government Code, to be qualified to serve as director, to be at least 18 years of age and a resident of the district or have a district business interest. Deletes existing text requiring the mayor and members of the governing body of the City of Houston to appoint directors from persons recommended by the board who meet the qualifications prescribed by Subchapter D, Chapter 375, Local Government Code. Makes nonsubstantive changes.

(b) Requires that appointments to the board ensure that at least 60 percent of the directors are residents of the district and that each director who does not reside in the district has a district business interest.

(c) Defines "district business interest."

SECTION 2. Amends Chapter 3807, Special District Local Laws Code, by adding Section 3807.053, as follows:

Sec. 3807.053. BOARD OFFICERS. Requires the board, notwithstanding Section 375.068, Local Government Code, to select a presiding officer and other officers according to a rotating schedule as determined by the board. Prohibits a presiding officer from serving consecutive terms.

SECTION 3. (a) Provides that the change in law made by this Act applies only to a person appointed to the board of directors of a municipal management district on or after the effective date of this Act.

(b) Provides that a change in law made by this Act does not affect the right of a person appointed to the board of directors of a municipal management district before the effective date of this Act to continue to serve on the board until the person's term expires.

SECTION 4. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2009.

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