Amend SB 837, (senate committee printing), SECTION 1 of the bill as follows:

(1) One line 20, strike "(a)".

(2) Between lines 38 and 39 insert the following:

(b) A municipality may undertake a project that confers a special benefit on areas that share a common characteristic or use. The areas may be noncontiguous.

(c) This section does not prohibit a municipality from or limit a municipality to establishing a district that includes a noncontiguous area authorized by this subchapter.

(d) A municipality that undertakes a project under this section may:

(1) adopt procedures for the collection of assessments under this chapter that are consistent with the municipality's procedures for the collection of a hotel occupancy tax under Chapter 351, Tax Code; and

(2) pursue remedies for the failure to pay an assessment under this chapter that are available to the municipality for failure to pay a hotel occupancy tax under Chapter 351, Tax Code.

(e) Notwithstanding Section 372.005(b), Local Government Code, a petition for the establishment of a public improvement district under this section is sufficient only if signed by:

(1) owners of taxable real property representing more than 60 percent of the appraised value of taxable real property liable for assessment under the proposal, as determined by the current roll of the appraisal district in which the property is located; and

(2) record owners of real property liable for assessment under the proposal who:

(A) constitute more than 60 percent of all record owners of property that is liable for assessment under the proposal; or

(B) own taxable real property that constitutes more than 60 percent of the area of all taxable real property that is liable for assessment under the proposal.