

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

The Near Northside Management District in Harris County was recently created to promote and coordinate economic growth, promote creation and beautification of area green spaces, and promote and supplement public security within the boundaries of the district. Interested parties explain that expansion of the boundaries would facilitate coordination by the district with other entities in providing projects and services. H.B. 2345 seeks to expand the district's boundaries.

H.B. 2345 amends current law relating to the boundaries and territory of the Near Northside Management District.

### **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 Section 2, Chapter 358, Acts of the 82nd Legislature, Regular Session, 2011, as follows:

Sec. 2. BOUNDARIES. Provides that, the Near Northside Management District includes, rather than initially includes, all the territory contained in the following area:

In Harris County, Texas, the territory enclosed by Loop 610 as the north boundary, Lockwood Dr. as the east boundary, Buffalo Bayou, rather than Interstate 10, as the south boundary, and Jensen Dr. as the west boundary.

SECTION 2. Amends Subchapter A, Chapter 3905, Special District Local Laws Code, as follows:

Sec. 3905.009. OVERLAPPING TERRITORY. (a) Provides that if territory in the district overlaps with the boundaries of another district created before June 17, 2011, that has the powers of a district created under Chapter 375 (Municipal Management Districts in General), Local Government Code, the overlapping territory is excluded from the territory of the district that was created first, regardless of whether the territory overlapped on June 17, 2011.

(b) Provides that the exclusion of territory under this section does not diminish or impair the rights of the holders of any outstanding and unpaid bonds, warrants, or other district obligations. Requires the district that was created first to continue to impose fees, taxes, or assessments, if any, on the excluded territory at the same rate imposed on other territory in the district until the total amount of fees, taxes, or assessments collected from the excluded territory equals its pro rata share of the indebtedness of the district at the time the territory was excluded. Requires that all fees, taxes, or assessments collected in the excluded territory by the district that was created first be applied to the payment of the excluded territory's pro rata share of indebtedness. Authorizes the owner of all or part of the excluded

territory at any time to pay in full the owner's share of the excluded territory's pro rata share of the indebtedness at the time the territory was excluded.

(c) Authorizes the district, if the district that was created first does not have any outstanding and unpaid bonds, warrants, or other district obligations, but imposes assessments under an assessment plan adopted before May 1, 2015, to continue to impose those assessments on the excluded territory at the same rate imposed on other territory in the district to satisfy the requirements of that assessment plan. Requires that all assessments collected in the excluded territory by the district that was created first be applied to satisfy the requirements of the assessment plan.

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, 2015.