# **BILL ANALYSIS**

H.B. 4211 By: Fletcher Special Purpose Districts Committee Report (Unamended)

## BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Currently, certain land located within the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of Houston is undeveloped. Interested parties contend that the area would benefit from the creation of a municipal utility district to provide for residential and commercial development. H.B. 4211 seeks to address this issue.

#### **CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

### **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

H.B. 4211 amends the Special District Local Laws Code to create the F.M. 2920/Becker Road Municipal Utility District of Harris County, subject to voter approval at a confirmation election and municipal consent. The bill grants the district the power to undertake certain road projects. The bill authorizes the district, subject to certain requirements, to issue obligations and impose property, operation and maintenance, and contract taxes. The bill, if it does not receive a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to each house, prohibits the district from exercising the power of eminent domain.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2015.