

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

S.B. 2277  
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Special Purpose Districts  
Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Interested parties contend that certain undeveloped land located within Harris County would benefit from the creation of a municipal utility district. S.B. 2277 seeks to provide for the creation of such a district.

### **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**

S.B. 2277 amends the Special District Local Laws Code to create the Lakewood Municipal Utility District No. 3, subject to municipal consent and voter approval at a confirmation election. The bill grants the district the power to undertake certain road projects and provides for the division of the district and for the district's water and sewer rates. The bill authorizes the district, subject to certain requirements, to issue obligations and impose property and operation and maintenance taxes. The bill expressly prohibits the district from exercising the power of eminent domain if the bill does not receive a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to each house.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

September 1, 2017.