

**BILL ANALYSIS**

H.B. 5312  
By: Gates  
Land & Resource Management  
Committee Report (Unamended)

**BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

There have been calls to codify and amend the powers and duties of the Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 147 to help the district better serve the local community. H.B. 5312 seeks to achieve this goal.

**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. 5312 amends the Special District Local Laws Code to establish provisions relating to the Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 147. The bill grants the district the power to undertake certain road projects and provides for the district to establish and administer defined areas to pay for certain improvements, facilities, or services. The bill authorizes the district, subject to certain requirements, to issue obligations and impose property taxes. The bill expressly prohibits the district from exercising the power of eminent domain outside the district boundaries to acquire a site or easement for a road project.

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2023.