

BILL ANALYSIS

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C.S.H.B. 5372
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Committee Report (Substituted)

AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Continuing growth in Harris County requires the provision of certain improvements, projects, and services for public use and benefit, such as recreational facilities, road projects, and public transit.

H.B. 5372 creates a municipal management district under Chapter 375, Local Government Code, to be known as The Grand Prairie Management District. The district will encompass 64 acres of land in the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of Houston in Harris County, Texas. The bill provides the district with the authority to levy an assessment, impose a tax, and issue bonds, in order to administer and provide funding for economic development projects and services to undeveloped property in Harris County, Texas. Among other provisions, H.B. 5372 provides for certain agreements with other entities, the annexation or exclusion of district land, applicability of state law to district contracts, liens for district assessments, and dissolution of the district. The district's powers and duties include, subject to certain requirements, the authorization to issue obligations and impose assessments, certain fees, property, maintenance and operation, and contract taxes. A municipality is not required to pay district obligations. The district is prohibited from exercising the power of eminent domain.

(Original Author's/Sponsor's Statement of Intent)

C.S.H.B. 5372 amends current law relating to the creation of The Grand Prairie Management District, provides authority to issue bonds, and provides authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

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 Subtitle C, Title 4, Special District Local Laws Code, by adding Chapter 4005, as follows:

CHAPTER 4005. THE GRAND PRAIRIE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Sets forth standard language for the creation of the Grand Prairie Management District (district). Sets forth standards, procedures, requirements, and criteria for:

Creation, purpose, and approval of the district, the initial district territory, and construction of this chapter (Sections 4005.0101-4005.0108);

Size, composition, appointment, eligibility, and reimbursement of expenses for the board of directors (Sections 4005.0201-4005.0203);

Powers and duties of the district (Sections 4005.0301-4005.0309);

General financial provisions and authority to impose a tax and to issue bonds and other obligations (Sections 4005.0401-4005.0506); and

The process for dissolution of the district (Section 4005.0901).

Prohibits the district from exercising the power of eminent domain.

SECTION 2. Sets forth the initial boundaries of the district.

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, 2023.