BILL ANALYSIS

Senate Research Center 88R11881 SCL-F S.B. 2583 By: Creighton Local Government 4/17/2023 As Filed

AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Crosby Municipal Utility District was created as a water control and improvement district in 1965 by S.B. 537, by the 59th Texas Legislature, and was converted into a municipal utility district by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality in 2018. The district contains approximately 2,117 acres located in the City of Houston's extraterritorial jurisdiction in Harris County, Texas. Upon the request of landowners, and as one of only a few retail water and sewer providers in this area, the district intends to provide retail water and sewer service to noncontiguous tracts of land located near its existing boundaries. The bill seeks to repeal a provision in the district's creation legislation restricting the district's power of eminent domain to land located within its boundaries and thus make it consistent with the general law for municipal utility districts, which allows for the use of eminent domain outside a district's boundaries for the purpose of constructing water and sewer transmission lines.

As proposed, S.B. 2583 amends current law relating to the eminent domain authority of the Crosby Municipal Utility 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. Repealer: Section 9012.154 (Limit on Eminent Domain Power), Special District Local Laws Code.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage, contingent upon a vote of two-thirds of all members elected to each house.