

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

H.B. 4685  
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Land & Resource Management  
Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

There have been calls to codify and amend the powers and duties of the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 248 to help the district better serve the local community. H.B. 4685 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. 4685 amends the Special District Local Laws Code to establish provisions relating to the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 248. The bill grants the district the power to undertake certain road projects. The bill provides for, among other provisions, defined areas for projects and authorizes the district, subject to certain requirements, to issue obligations and impose property taxes. The bill establishes that the district retains all rights, powers, privileges, authority, duties, and functions that it had before the bill's effective date. The bill provides for the validation and confirmation of certain district actions and proceedings taken before the bill's effective date.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2019.