

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

Management districts are currently required to notify property owners about scheduled hearings via certified mail, return receipt requested. This is an expensive method that puts a financial burden on many management districts.

H.B. 871 allows management districts the flexibility to notify property owners of scheduled hearings either via the current method, certified mail, or another method that a management district's board determines is suitable to provide adequate proof that the notice was timely mailed.

### **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 Section 375.115(c), Local Government Code, to require that written notice containing the information required by Subsection (b) (relating to information a notice is required to include) be mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by another method determined by the board of directors of a district to provide adequate proof that the notice was timely mailed, not later than the 30th day before the date of the hearing. Requires that the notice be mailed to each property owner in the district who will be subject to assessment at the current address of the property to be assessed as reflected on the tax rolls.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2009.