

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Blaketree Municipal Utility District No. 1 of Montgomery County, Texas (district) was created in the 81st Legislature of Texas, Regular Session, codified at Chapter 8316, Special District Local Laws Code (Act). The district currently encompasses approximately 951.9 acres of land located in Montgomery County, Texas, and is not located within the corporate limits or extraterritorial jurisdiction of any city.

S.B. 1957 amends the Act to make clear the district's authority to design, acquire, construct, finance, issue bonds for, improve, operate, and maintain roads, granted thereunder, includes roads within a gated community as defined by Section 352.112, Local Government Code, provided that those roads are open and accessible to all owners of real property located in the district, all residents of the district, and the invitees of owners and residents of the district.

S.B. 1957 will provide the district with clarity regarding the scope of its legal authority.

S.B. 1957 does not intend to modify the district's authority granted under the Act, but rather simply clarify the definition of roads.

As proposed, S.B. 1957 amends current law relating to the authority for road projects of the Blaketree Municipal Utility District No. 1 of Montgomery County.

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 8316.103, Special District Local Laws Code, as follows:

Sec. 8316.103. **AUTHORITY FOR ROAD PROJECTS.** Authorizes the Blaketree Municipal Utility District No. 1 of Montgomery County (district), under Section 52 (Restrictions on Lending Credit or Making Grants by Political Corporations or Political Subdivisions; Authorized Bonds; Investment of Funds), Article III, Texas Constitution, to design, acquire, construct, finance, issue bonds for, improve, operate, maintain, and convey to this state, a county, or a municipality for operation and maintenance macadamized, graveled, or paved roads, or improvements, including storm drainage, in aid of those roads, including roads within a gated community as defined by Section 352.112 (Definitions), Local Government Code, provided that those roads are open and accessible to all owners of real property located in the district, all residents of the district, and the invitees of owners and residents of the district.

SECTION 2. Provides that the district retains all the rights, powers, privileges, authority, duties, and functions that it had before the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2021.