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FISCAL NOTE

FISCAL IMPACT:  State  Local  Statutory Public Entity  Conditional  No Fiscal Impact

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Lewis

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Bill Status: House Local Government  
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BILL TOPIC: CLARIFY REQUIREMENTS GOVERNING THE FORMATION OF METROPOLITAN DISTRICTS

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, no tract of land that is 40 acres or greater, and is used primarily and zoned for agricultural uses, may be included in any park and recreation district without the written consent of the land's owners. This bill expands this limitation to include tracts of land within any special metropolitan district that provides parks or recreational facilities and programs.

The bill clarifies that only those signatures collected after a governing bodies' approval of a special district service plan may be considered by a district court to determine if the required number of eligible voters in a proposed special district have signed the petition for organization.

Local Government Impact

The bill requires that a metropolitan district obtain written consent from land owners before including 40 acres or greater tracts of agricultural land into a metropolitan district providing park and recreation services, and changes the timing for gathering and submitting signatures to a district court to consider a petition for organization. Apart from changing the timing between service plan approval and filing the petition to district court, the bill does not create other fiscal impacts for local governments.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 9, 2017, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 10, 2017, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed, and applies to court petitions for the organization of special districts filed on or after that date.

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