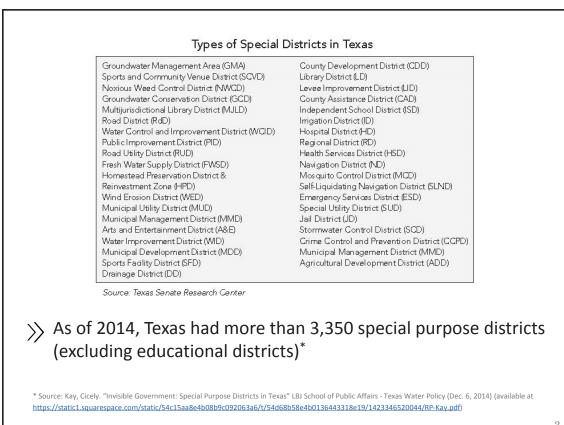


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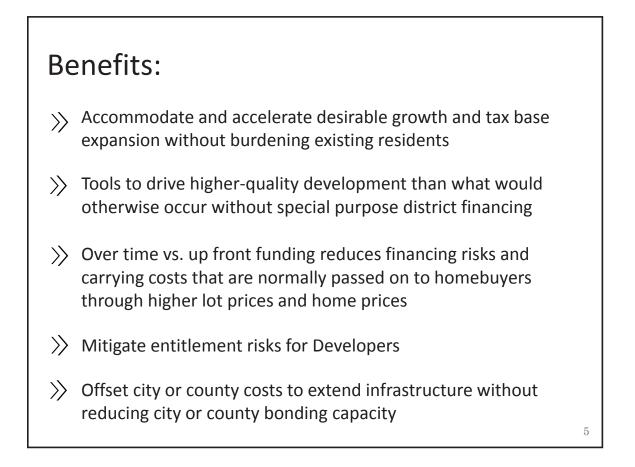
- Areas of the state, county, municipality, or other political subdivision that have been divided for judicial, political, electoral, or administrative purposes
- Originally created due to urban sprawl and the desire of suburban residents to create entities that could provide their own infrastructure and levy taxes for limited purposes, such as firefighting, road construction, and water and sewage treatment
- Limited purpose (road, water, sewer, drainage infrastructure; specific authorized improvements; emergency, hospital, public safety, utility services)

Source: Langham, Laura and Corey Roy and Austin Valentine. "Invisible Government: Special Purpose Districts in Texas." Senate Research Center Publication. October 2008 (available at <u>http://www.senate.texas.gov/_assets/srcpub/SL-SpPurposeDistricts.pdf</u>)

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