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H.B. No. 4448

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the projects that may be undertaken by a public  
3 improvement district.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 372.003, Local Government Code, is  
6 amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (b-2) to  
7 read as follows:

8 (b) A public improvement project may include:

9 (1) landscaping;

10 (2) erection of fountains, distinctive lighting, and  
11 signs;

12 (3) acquiring, constructing, improving, widening,  
13 narrowing, closing, or rerouting of sidewalks or of streets, any  
14 other roadways, or their rights-of-way;

15 (4) construction or improvement of pedestrian malls;

16 (5) acquisition and installation of pieces of art;

17 (6) acquisition, construction, or improvement of  
18 libraries;

19 (7) acquisition, construction, or improvement of  
20 off-street parking facilities;

21 (8) acquisition, construction, improvement, or  
22 rerouting of mass transportation facilities;

23 (9) acquisition, construction, or improvement of  
24 water, geothermal water conveyance, wastewater, or drainage

1 facilities or improvements;

2 (10) the establishment or improvement of parks;

3 (11) projects similar to those listed in Subdivisions  
4 (1)-(10);

5 (12) acquisition, by purchase or otherwise, of real  
6 property, including a right-of-way or easement, in connection with  
7 an authorized improvement;

8 (13) special supplemental services for improvement  
9 and promotion of the district, including services relating to  
10 advertising, promotion, health and sanitation, water and  
11 wastewater, public safety, security, business recruitment,  
12 development, recreation, and cultural enhancement;

13 (14) payment of expenses incurred in the  
14 establishment, administration, and operation of the district; and

15 (15) the development, rehabilitation, or expansion of  
16 affordable housing.

17 (b-2) Payment of expenses under Subsection (b)(9) may also  
18 include expenses related to the operation and maintenance of a  
19 geothermal water conveyance facility or improvement.

20 SECTION 2. Section 372.023(a), Local Government Code, is  
21 amended to read as follows:

22 (a) Costs of improvements may be paid or reimbursed by any  
23 combination of the methods described by this section if the  
24 improvements are dedicated, conveyed, leased, or otherwise  
25 provided to or for the benefit of:

26 (1) a municipality or county;

27 (2) a political subdivision or other entity exercising

1 the powers granted under this subchapter as authorized by other  
2 law; [~~or~~]

3 (3) an entity that:

4 (A) is approved by the governing body of an  
5 entity described by Subdivision (1) or (2); and

6 (B) is authorized by order, ordinance,  
7 resolution, or other official action to act for an entity described  
8 by Subdivision (1) or (2); or

9 (4) an entity subject to the regulatory jurisdiction  
10 of the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

11 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.