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H.B. No. 4592

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the creation of the Harris County Water Control and Improvement District No. 164; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

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

SECTION 1. Subtitle I, Title 6, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Chapter 9089 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 9089. HARRIS COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

NO. 164

SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 9089.0101. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

(1) "Board" means the district's board of directors.

(2) "Commission" means the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

(3) "Director" means a board member.

(4) "District" means the Harris County Water Control and Improvement District No. 164.

Sec. 9089.0102. NATURE OF DISTRICT. The district is a water control and improvement district created under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution.

Sec. 9089.0103. CONFIRMATION AND DIRECTORS' ELECTION REQUIRED. The temporary directors shall hold an election to confirm the creation of the district and to elect five permanent

1 directors as provided by Section 49.102, Water Code.

2 Sec. 9089.0104. CONSENT OF MUNICIPALITY REQUIRED. The
3 temporary directors may not hold an election under Section
4 9089.0103 until each municipality in whose corporate limits or
5 extraterritorial jurisdiction the district is located has
6 consented by ordinance or resolution to the creation of the
7 district and to the inclusion of land in the district.

8 Sec. 9089.0105. FINDINGS OF PUBLIC PURPOSE AND BENEFIT.

9 (a) The district is created to serve a public purpose and benefit.

10 (b) The district is created to accomplish the purposes of:

11 (1) a water control and improvement district as
12 provided by general law and Section 59, Article XVI, Texas
13 Constitution, including the collection, transportation,
14 processing, disposal, and control of domestic, industrial, or
15 communal waste and the gathering, conducting, diverting, and
16 control of local storm water or other harmful excesses of water; and

17 (2) Section 52, Article III, Texas Constitution, that
18 relate to the construction, acquisition, improvement, operation,
19 or maintenance of macadamized, graveled, or paved roads, or
20 improvements, including storm drainage, in aid of those roads.

21 Sec. 9089.0106. INITIAL DISTRICT TERRITORY. (a) The
22 district is initially composed of the territory described by
23 Section 2 of the Act enacting this chapter.

24 (b) The boundaries and field notes contained in Section 2 of
25 the Act enacting this chapter form a closure. A mistake made in the
26 field notes or in copying the field notes in the legislative process
27 does not affect the district's:

1 (1) organization, existence, or validity;

2 (2) right to issue any type of bond for the purposes
3 for which the district is created or to pay the principal of and
4 interest on a bond;

5 (3) right to impose a tax; or

6 (4) legality or operation.

7 SUBCHAPTER B. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

8 Sec. 9089.0201. GOVERNING BODY; TERMS. (a) The district is
9 governed by a board of five elected directors.

10 (b) Except as provided by Section 9089.0202, directors
11 serve staggered four-year terms.

12 Sec. 9089.0202. TEMPORARY DIRECTORS. (a) The temporary
13 board consists of:

14 (1) Louis Girard;

15 (2) Henry Chapman;

16 (3) Ford Allen;

17 (4) Michael Pratts; and

18 (5) Jay Kolb.

19 (b) Temporary directors serve until the earlier of:

20 (1) the date permanent directors are elected under
21 Section 9089.0103; or

22 (2) the fourth anniversary of the effective date of
23 the Act enacting this chapter.

24 (c) If permanent directors have not been elected under
25 Section 9089.0103 and the terms of the temporary directors have
26 expired, successor temporary directors shall be appointed or
27 reappointed as provided by Subsection (d) to serve terms that

1 expire on the earlier of:

2 (1) the date permanent directors are elected under
3 Section 9089.0103; or

4 (2) the fourth anniversary of the date of the
5 appointment or reappointment.

6 (d) If Subsection (c) applies, the owner or owners of a
7 majority of the assessed value of the real property in the district
8 may submit a petition to the commission requesting that the
9 commission appoint as successor temporary directors the five
10 persons named in the petition. The commission shall appoint as
11 successor temporary directors the five persons named in the
12 petition.

13 SUBCHAPTER C. POWERS AND DUTIES

14 Sec. 9089.0301. GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES. The district
15 has the powers and duties necessary to accomplish the purposes for
16 which the district is created.

17 Sec. 9089.0302. WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
18 POWERS AND DUTIES. The district has the powers and duties provided
19 by the general law of this state, including Chapters 49 and 51,
20 Water Code, applicable to water control and improvement districts
21 created under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution,
22 specifically including the powers and duties authorized under
23 Subchapter H, Chapter 51, Water Code.

24 Sec. 9089.0303. AUTHORITY FOR ROAD PROJECTS. Under Section
25 52, Article III, Texas Constitution, the district may design,
26 acquire, construct, finance, issue bonds for, improve, operate,
27 maintain, and convey to this state, a county, or a municipality for

1 operation and maintenance macadamized, graveled, or paved roads, or
2 improvements, including storm drainage, in aid of those roads.

3 Sec. 9089.0304. ROAD STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS. (a) A
4 road project must meet all applicable construction standards,
5 zoning and subdivision requirements, and regulations of each
6 municipality in whose corporate limits or extraterritorial
7 jurisdiction the road project is located.

8 (b) If a road project is not located in the corporate limits
9 or extraterritorial jurisdiction of a municipality, the road
10 project must meet all applicable construction standards,
11 subdivision requirements, and regulations of each county in which
12 the road project is located.

13 (c) If the state will maintain and operate the road, the
14 Texas Transportation Commission must approve the plans and
15 specifications of the road project.

16 Sec. 9089.0305. COMPLIANCE WITH MUNICIPAL CONSENT
17 ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION. The district shall comply with all
18 applicable requirements of any ordinance or resolution that is
19 adopted under Section 42.042 or 42.0425, Local Government Code, and
20 consents to the creation of the district or to the inclusion of land
21 in the district.

22 Sec. 9089.0306. LIMITATION ON USE OF EMINENT DOMAIN. The
23 district may not exercise the power of eminent domain outside the
24 district boundaries to acquire a site or easement for:

25 (1) a recreational facility, as defined by Section
26 49.462, Water Code; or

27 (2) a road project authorized by Section 9089.0303.

SUBCHAPTER D. GENERAL FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 9089.0401. ELECTIONS REGARDING TAXES OR BONDS. (a)

The district may issue, without an election, bonds and other obligations secured by:

(1) revenue other than ad valorem taxes; or

(2) contract payments described by Section 9089.0403.

(b) The district must hold an election in the manner provided by Chapters 49 and 51, Water Code, to obtain voter approval before the district may impose an ad valorem tax or issue bonds payable from ad valorem taxes.

(c) The district may not issue bonds payable from ad valorem taxes to finance a road project unless the issuance is approved by a vote of a two-thirds majority of the district voters voting at an election held for that purpose.

Sec. 9089.0402. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE TAX. (a) If authorized at an election held under Section 9089.0401, the district may impose an operation and maintenance tax on taxable property in the district in accordance with Section 49.107, Water Code.

(b) The board shall determine the tax rate. The rate may not exceed the rate approved at the election.

Sec. 9089.0403. CONTRACT TAXES. (a) In accordance with Section 49.108, Water Code, the district may impose a tax other than an operation and maintenance tax and use the revenue derived from the tax to make payments under a contract after the provisions of the contract have been approved by a majority of the district voters voting at an election held for that purpose.

1 (b) A contract approved by the district voters may contain a
2 provision stating that the contract may be modified or amended by
3 the board without further voter approval.

4 SUBCHAPTER E. BONDS AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS

5 Sec. 9089.0501. AUTHORITY TO ISSUE BONDS AND OTHER
6 OBLIGATIONS. The district may issue bonds or other obligations
7 payable wholly or partly from ad valorem taxes, impact fees,
8 revenue, contract payments, grants, or other district money, or any
9 combination of those sources, to pay for any authorized district
10 purpose.

11 Sec. 9089.0502. TAXES FOR BONDS. At the time the district
12 issues bonds payable wholly or partly from ad valorem taxes, the
13 board shall provide for the annual imposition of a continuing
14 direct ad valorem tax, without limit as to rate or amount, while all
15 or part of the bonds are outstanding as required and in the manner
16 provided by Section 51.433, Water Code.

17 Sec. 9089.0503. BONDS FOR ROAD PROJECTS. At the time of
18 issuance, the total principal amount of bonds or other obligations
19 issued or incurred to finance road projects and payable from ad
20 valorem taxes may not exceed one-fourth of the assessed value of the
21 real property in the district.

22 Sec. 9089.0504. BONDS FOR RECREATIONAL FACILITIES. (a)
23 The district may develop recreational facilities and issue bonds
24 for recreational facilities as provided by Chapter 49, Water Code,
25 regardless of whether the district's territory overlaps with the
26 territory of a political subdivision that is authorized to develop
27 recreational facilities and issue bonds for recreational

1 facilities under Chapter 49, Water Code.

2 (b) The authority of the district to develop recreational
3 facilities and issue bonds for recreational facilities under this
4 section does not limit the authority of another political
5 subdivision whose territory the territory of the district may
6 overlap, wholly or partly, to develop recreational facilities and
7 issue bonds for recreational facilities under Chapter 49, Water
8 Code.

9 SECTION 2. The Harris County Water Control and Improvement
10 District No. 164 initially includes all the territory contained in
11 the following area:

12 Being a 192.3 acre tract of land located in the E.R. Green
13 Survey, Abstract No. 307 in Harris County, Texas; said 192.3 acre
14 tract being a portion of a called 198.4 acre tract of land recorded
15 in the name of Emptor Betka. LLC. in Clerk's File (C.F.)
16 No. RP-2020-616041 of the Official Public Records of Real Property
17 of Harris County (O.P.R.R.P.H.C.); said 192.3 acre tract being more
18 particularly described by metes and bounds as follows (all bearings
19 are referenced to the Texas Coordinate System, North American Datum
20 of 1983 (NAD83), South Central Zone):

21 Beginning at a 1/2-inch iron rod found at the northeast
22 corner of said 198.4 acre tract and the northwest corner of a called
23 1.75 acre tract recorded in the name of Roderick Cantu and Sheadian
24 Atika Cantu, husband and wife, and Jeremy Robert Claiborne in C.F.
25 No. RP-2019-446964 of the O.P.R.R.P.H.C., and being on the
26 southerly right-of-way line of Betka Road (60 feet wide);

27 1. Thence, with the easterly line of said 198.4 acre tract

1 and the westerly line of said 1.75 acre tract, South 01 degrees 43
2 minutes 16 seconds East, a distance of 480.39 feet to a 5/8-inch
3 iron rod found at the southwest corner of said 1.75 acre tract and
4 the northwest corner of a called 33.84 acre tract of land recorded
5 in the name of Arthur Liere in C.F. No. Y500999 of the
6 O.P.R.R.P.H.C.;

7 2. Thence, continuing with the easterly lines of said 198.4
8 acre tract, the westerly line of said 33.84 acre tract and the
9 westerly line of a called 25.64 acre tract of land recorded in the
10 name of Arthur Roy Liere, Sr. in C.F. No. U739040 of the
11 O.P.R.R.P.H.C., South 01 degrees 44 minutes 01 seconds East, a
12 distance of 633.11 feet to a found 5/8-inch iron rod with "Prejean"
13 cap;

14 3. Thence, continuing with the easterly line of said 198.4
15 acre tract, the westerly line of said 25.64 acre tract, South 01
16 degrees 49 minutes 23 seconds East, at distance of 298.77 feet pass
17 a 5/8-inch iron rod with "Prejean" cap" found at an interior corner
18 of said 198.4 acre tract and continuing a total distance of 428.78
19 feet to a 5/8-inch iron rod found at an interior corner of said
20 198.4 acre tract and the northwest corner of a called 65.239 acre
21 tract of land recorded in the name of CCI Hockley, LLC. in C.F.
22 No. RP-2020-175741of the O.P.R.R.P.H.C.;

23 4. Thence, with the easterly line of said 198.4 acre tract
24 and the westerly line of said 65.239 acre tract, South 01 degrees 45
25 minutes 50 seconds East, a distance of 1,249.20 feet to a 5/8-inch
26 iron rod with cap stamped "COSTELLO INC" found;

27 5. Thence, continuing with the easterly line of said 198.4

1 acre tract and the westerly line of said 65.239 acre tract, South 01
2 degrees 53 minutes 46 seconds East, a distance of 794.23 feet to a
3 5/8-inch iron rod found at the southwest corner of said 65.239 acre
4 tract and the northwest corner of a called 30 acre tract of land
5 recorded in the name of F. E. Dennison in C.F. No. B746174 of the
6 O.P.R.R.P.H.C.;

7 6. Thence, continuing with the easterly line of said 198.4
8 acre tract and the westerly line of said 30 acre tract, South 01
9 degrees 46 minutes 15 seconds East, a distance of 375.43 feet to a
10 5/8-inch iron rod with cap stamped "COSTELLO INC" found;

11 7. Thence, continuing with the easterly line of said 198.4
12 acre tract and the westerly line of said 30 acre tract, South 02
13 degrees 11 minutes 29 seconds East, a distance of 264.05 feet to a
14 5/8-inch iron rod with cap stamped "COSTELLO INC" found at the
15 southwest corner of said 30 acre tract and the northwest corner of a
16 called 39.365 acre tract of land recorded in the name of Floyd
17 Emanuel Dennison and wife, Ruby Dennison in C.F. No. J223460 of the
18 O.P.R.R.P.H.C.;

19 8. Thence, continuing with the easterly line of said 198.4
20 acre tract and with the westerly line of said 39.365 acre tract,
21 South 01 degrees 48 minutes 44 seconds East, a distance of 1,046.67
22 feet to a 5/8-inch iron rod with cap stamped "COSTELLO INC" found at
23 the southeast corner of said 198.4 acre tract and the southwest
24 corner of said 39.365 acre tract, and being on the northerly line of
25 a called 617.0 acre tract of land recorded in the name of Emptor
26 Hockley LLC. in C.F. No. RP-2020-106668 of the O.P.R.R.P.H.C.;

27 9. Thence, with the southerly line of said 198.4 acre tract

1 and the northerly line of said 617.0 acre tract, South 88 degrees 01
2 minutes 10 seconds West, a distance of 1,589.27 feet to a 5/8-inch
3 iron rod with "Prejean" cap found at the southwest corner of said
4 198.4 acre tract and the southeast corner of a called 197.0000 acre
5 tract of land recorded in the name of DXC Technology Services LLC.
6 in C.F. No. RP-2018-66195 of the O.P.R.R.P.H.C.;

7 10. Thence, with the westerly line of said 198.4 acre tract
8 and the easterly line of said 197.0000 acre tract, North 01 degrees
9 49 minutes 20 seconds West, at a distance of 2,775.23 feet pass a
10 5/8-inch iron rod with "Prejean" cap found at the southeast corner
11 of Reserve "A" of HP Data Center Sec 1, a subdivision recorded under
12 Film Code No. 631126 of the Map Records of Harris County, and
13 continuing with the easterly line of said HP Data Center Sec 1 a
14 total distance of 5,275.06 feet to a 5/8-inch iron rod with
15 "Prejean" cap found at the northwest corner of said 198.4 acre tract
16 and the northeast corner of said 197.0000 acre tract and said HP
17 Data Center Sec 1, and being on the southerly right-of-way line of
18 aforesaid Betka Road;

19 Thence, with the northerly line of said 198.4 acre tract and
20 said southerly right-of-way line of Betka Road, the following three
21 courses:

22 11. North 88 degrees 20 minutes 14 seconds East, a distance
23 of 281.70 feet to a 5/8-inch iron rod with "Prejean" cap found;

24 12. North 88 degrees 08 minutes 11 seconds East, a distance
25 of 989.89 feet to a 5/8-inch iron rod with "Prejean" cap found;

26 13. North 87 degrees 57 minutes 04 seconds East, a distance
27 of 318.55 feet to the Point of Beginning and containing 192.3 acres

1 of land.

2 SECTION 3. (a) The legal notice of the intention to
3 introduce this Act, setting forth the general substance of this
4 Act, has been published as provided by law, and the notice and a
5 copy of this Act have been furnished to all persons, agencies,
6 officials, or entities to which they are required to be furnished
7 under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, and Chapter 313,
8 Government Code.

9 (b) The governor, one of the required recipients, has
10 submitted the notice and Act to the Texas Commission on
11 Environmental Quality.

12 (c) The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has filed
13 its recommendations relating to this Act with the governor, the
14 lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of
15 representatives within the required time.

16 (d) All requirements of the constitution and laws of this
17 state and the rules and procedures of the legislature with respect
18 to the notice, introduction, and passage of this Act are fulfilled
19 and accomplished.

20 SECTION 4. (a) Section 9089.0306, Special District Local
21 Laws Code, as added by Section 1 of this Act, takes effect only if
22 this Act receives a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to
23 each house.

24 (b) If this Act does not receive a two-thirds vote of all the
25 members elected to each house, Subchapter C, Chapter 9089, Special
26 District Local Laws Code, as added by Section 1 of this Act, is
27 amended by adding Section 9089.0306 to read as follows:

1 Sec. 9089.0306. NO EMINENT DOMAIN POWER. The district may
2 not exercise the power of eminent domain.

3 (c) This section is not intended to be an expression of a
4 legislative interpretation of the requirements of Section 17(c),
5 Article I, Texas Constitution.

6 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
7 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
8 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
9 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
10 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.