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S.B. No. 1986

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to adding a special purpose territory to the Port of Port Arthur Navigation District of Jefferson County, Texas.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 197, Acts of the 58th Legislature, Regular Session, 1963, is amended by adding Section 1A to read as follows:

Sec. 1A. (a) In this section, "special purpose area" means the territory described by Subsection (e) of this section.

(b) Waterborne commercial cargo and vessel movements originating in or departing from the special purpose area may be attributed as waterborne commercial cargo or vessel movements originating in or departing from the district for the purpose of reporting to the United States Army Corps of Engineers under applicable federal law.

(c) The inclusion in the district of the special purpose area does not affect any powers or duties exercised in the special purpose area by the Sabine-Neches Navigation District or the Port of Beaumont Navigation District of Jefferson County, Texas.

(d) The district may not impose a tax in the special purpose area.

(e) In addition to the territory described by Section 1 of this Act, the Port of Port Arthur Navigation District of Jefferson County, Texas, includes the following tract as a special purpose

1 area:

2 BEING 133.8 ± acres of land and water, part of the Neches  
3 River in the City of Port Arthur, Jefferson County, Texas; said  
4 133.8 ± acre tract being more fully described by metes and bounds as  
5 follows, to wit:

6 BEGINNING at a point on the intersection of the thread of the  
7 Neches River with the current city limits of the City of Port  
8 Arthur, as described in Annexation Ordinance No. 2540, for the most  
9 northerly comer of the herein described tract;

10 THENCE, in a southeasterly direction, with the thread of the  
11 Neches River, a distance of 7885'± to its intersection with the  
12 current boundary of the Port of Port Arthur Navigation District on  
13 the centerline of State Highway 87, for the most easterly comer of  
14 the herein described tract;

15 THENCE, in a southwesterly direction, on the centerline of  
16 State Highway 87, being the current boundary of the Port of Port  
17 Arthur Navigation District, a distance of 690'± to a point on the  
18 projected southwesterly bank of the Neches River, for the most  
19 southerly comer of the herein described tract;

20 THENCE, in a northwesterly direction, on the Southwest bank  
21 of the Neches River, a distance of 9000'± to its intersection with  
22 the Northwest line of City of Port Arthur Annexation Ordinance  
23 No. 2540, same being the southeasterly line of a (Called 16.130)  
24 acre tract of land, known as Tract Five, Parcel SE, recorded in File  
25 No. 2020000404, Official Public Records, Jefferson County, Texas,  
26 for the most westerly comer of the herein described tract;

27 THENCE, in a northeasterly direction, on the Northwest line

1 of City of Port Arthur Annexation Ordinance No. 2540, a distance of  
2 1045'± to the POINT OF BEGINNING, and containing 133.8 ± acres of  
3 land, more or less.

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

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

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

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

22 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
23 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
24 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
25 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
26 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.