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H.B. No. 4704

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the taxing authority of Jackson County County-Wide
3 Drainage District.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subsections 14(a), (b) and (f), Chapter 529,
6 Acts of the 63rd Legislature, Regular Session, 1973 (Article
7 8280-412, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), are amended to read as
8 follows:

9 Section 14. (a) On the approval of the majority of the
10 electors of the District voting at an election called for that
11 purpose, the District may levy and collect ad valorem taxes at a
12 rate of not more than 75 cents on each \$100 of assessed valuation to
13 be used to pay the principal of and interest on bonds issued by the
14 [~~a~~]District and to pay for the operation of the [~~a~~]District and
15 maintenance of its property.

16 (b) Before a tax is levied under this section, the District
17 shall hold an election in the District in the manner provided in
18 Section 17 of this Act to approve the tax rate. The ballots for the
19 election shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the
20 proposition: 'The levy and collection of a tax on all property in
21 the Jackson County County-Wide Drainage District in an amount of
22 not more than [~~75~~]____(insert the amount prescribed by the election
23 order, not to exceed 75 cents) cents on each \$100 of assessed
24 valuation.' The proposition for the levy of the tax may be

1 submitted at [~~a~~] one or more separate elections or it may be
2 submitted at [~~an~~] one or more elections held for other purposes by
3 the District. A maximum rate approved by the electors may be
4 subsequently modified by the District in the same manner provided
5 for in this section.

6 (f) The assessor and collector of taxes for the District is
7 entitled to a fee for his or her services of not more than one
8 percent of the total tax collected, but not more than [~~\$5,000~~]
9 \$10,000 in any one fiscal year. The board shall determine the exact
10 amount of the fee, and the assessor and collector of taxes for the
11 District shall deduct this fee from the tax payments made to the
12 District. If the county tax assessor and collector is acting as
13 assessor and collector of taxes for the District, he or she shall
14 deposit the fee paid under this subsection in the general fund of
15 the county as a fee of office.

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

23 (b) The governor, one of the required recipients, has
24 submitted the notice and Act to the Texas Commission on
25 Environmental Quality.

26 (c) The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has filed
27 its recommendations relating to this Act with the governor, the

1 lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of
2 representatives within the required time.

3 (d) All requirements of the constitution and laws of this
4 state and the rules and procedures of the legislature with respect
5 to the notice, introduction, and passage of this Act are fulfilled
6 and accomplished.

7 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
8 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
9 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
10 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
11 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.