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S.B. No. 2569

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

5 SECTION 1. Sections 14(a), (b), and (f), Chapter 200, Acts  
6 of the 61st Legislature, Regular Session, 1969, are amended to read  
7 as follows:

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

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

1 ~~election~~] held for other purposes by the District. A maximum tax  
2 rate approved at an election under this subsection may be modified  
3 by the District in the same manner as provided by this section.

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

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

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

25 (c) The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has filed  
26 its recommendations relating to this Act with the governor, the  
27 lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of

1 representatives within the required time.

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

6 SECTION 3. 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, 2023.