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1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Bettencourt	X			
1-8 Springer	X			
1-9 Eckhardt	X			
1-10 Gutierrez			X	
1-11 Hall	X			
1-12 Nichols	X			
1-13 Parker	X			
1-14 Paxton	X			
1-15 West	X			

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the creation of the Liberty County Management District  
 1-20 No. 2; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to  
 1-21 impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:  
 1-23 SECTION 1. Subtitle C, Title 4, Special District Local Laws  
 1-24 Code, is amended by adding Chapter 4002 to read as follows:

1-25 CHAPTER 4002. LIBERTY COUNTY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT NO. 2

1-26 SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1-27 Sec. 4002.0101. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

- 1-28 (1) "Board" means the district's board of directors.
- 1-29 (2) "City" means the City of Cleveland, Texas.
- 1-30 (3) "County" means Liberty County.
- 1-31 (4) "Director" means a board member.
- 1-32 (5) "District" means the Liberty County Management

1-33 District No. 2.

1-34 Sec. 4002.0102. NATURE OF DISTRICT. The Liberty County  
 1-35 Management District No. 2 is a special district created under  
 1-36 Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution.

1-37 Sec. 4002.0103. PURPOSE; DECLARATION OF INTENT. (a) The  
 1-38 creation of the district is essential to accomplish the purposes of  
 1-39 Sections 52 and 52-a, Article III, and Section 59, Article XVI,  
 1-40 Texas Constitution, and other public purposes stated in this  
 1-41 chapter.

1-42 (b) By creating the district and in authorizing the county,  
 1-43 the city, and other political subdivisions to contract with the  
 1-44 district, the legislature has established a program to accomplish  
 1-45 the public purposes set out in Section 52-a, Article III, Texas  
 1-46 Constitution.

1-47 (c) The creation of the district is necessary to promote,  
 1-48 develop, encourage, and maintain employment, commerce,  
 1-49 transportation, housing, tourism, recreation, the arts,  
 1-50 entertainment, economic development, safety, and the public  
 1-51 welfare in the district.

1-52 (d) This chapter and the creation of the district may not be  
 1-53 interpreted to relieve the county or the city from providing the  
 1-54 level of services provided as of the effective date of the Act  
 1-55 enacting this chapter to the area in the district. The district is  
 1-56 created to supplement and not to supplant county or city services  
 1-57 provided in the district.

1-58 Sec. 4002.0104. FINDINGS OF BENEFIT AND PUBLIC PURPOSE.

1-59 (a) All land and other property included in the district will  
 1-60 benefit from the improvements and services to be provided by the  
 1-61 district under powers conferred by Sections 52 and 52-a, Article

2-1 III, and Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, and other  
2-2 powers granted under this chapter.

2-3 (b) The district is created to serve a public use and  
2-4 benefit.

2-5 (c) The creation of the district is in the public interest  
2-6 and is essential to further the public purposes of:

2-7 (1) developing and diversifying the economy of the  
2-8 state;

2-9 (2) eliminating unemployment and underemployment; and

2-10 (3) developing or expanding transportation and  
2-11 commerce.

2-12 (d) The district will:

2-13 (1) promote the health, safety, and general welfare of  
2-14 residents, employers, potential employees, employees, visitors,  
2-15 and consumers in the district, and of the public;

2-16 (2) provide needed funding for the district to  
2-17 preserve, maintain, and enhance the economic health and vitality of  
2-18 the district territory as a community and business center;

2-19 (3) promote the health, safety, welfare, and enjoyment  
2-20 of the public by providing pedestrian ways and by landscaping and  
2-21 developing certain areas in the district, which are necessary for  
2-22 the restoration, preservation, and enhancement of scenic beauty;  
2-23 and

2-24 (4) provide for water, wastewater, drainage, road, and  
2-25 recreational facilities for the district.

2-26 (e) Pedestrian ways along or across a street, whether at  
2-27 grade or above or below the surface, and street lighting, street  
2-28 landscaping, parking, and street art objects are parts of and  
2-29 necessary components of a street and are considered to be a street  
2-30 or road improvement.

2-31 (f) The district will not act as the agent or  
2-32 instrumentality of any private interest even though the district  
2-33 will benefit many private interests as well as the public.

2-34 Sec. 4002.0105. INITIAL DISTRICT TERRITORY. (a) The  
2-35 district is initially composed of the territory described by  
2-36 Section 2 of the Act enacting this chapter.

2-37 (b) The boundaries and field notes contained in Section 2 of  
2-38 the Act enacting this chapter form a closure. A mistake in the  
2-39 field notes or in copying the field notes in the legislative process  
2-40 does not affect the district's:

2-41 (1) organization, existence, or validity;

2-42 (2) right to issue any type of bonds for the purposes  
2-43 for which the district is created or to pay the principal of and  
2-44 interest on the bonds;

2-45 (3) right to impose or collect an assessment or tax; or

2-46 (4) legality or operation.

2-47 Sec. 4002.0106. ELIGIBILITY FOR INCLUSION IN SPECIAL ZONES.  
2-48 All or any part of the area of the district is eligible to be  
2-49 included in:

2-50 (1) a tax increment reinvestment zone created under  
2-51 Chapter 311, Tax Code; or

2-52 (2) a tax abatement reinvestment zone created under  
2-53 Chapter 312, Tax Code.

2-54 Sec. 4002.0107. APPLICABILITY OF MUNICIPAL MANAGEMENT  
2-55 DISTRICTS LAW. Except as otherwise provided by this chapter,  
2-56 Chapter 375, Local Government Code, applies to the district.

2-57 Sec. 4002.0108. CONSTRUCTION OF CHAPTER. This chapter  
2-58 shall be liberally construed in conformity with the findings and  
2-59 purposes stated in this chapter.

2-60 SUBCHAPTER B. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2-61 Sec. 4002.0201. GOVERNING BODY; TERMS. (a) The district is  
2-62 governed by a board of five directors elected or appointed as  
2-63 provided by this chapter and Subchapter D, Chapter 49, Water Code.

2-64 (b) Except as provided by Section 4002.0203, directors  
2-65 serve staggered four-year terms.

2-66 Sec. 4002.0202. COMPENSATION. A director is entitled to  
2-67 receive fees of office and reimbursement for actual expenses as  
2-68 provided by Section 49.060, Water Code. Sections 375.069 and  
2-69 375.070, Local Government Code, do not apply to the board.

3-1 Sec. 4002.0203. TEMPORARY DIRECTORS. (a) On or after the  
 3-2 effective date of the Act creating this chapter, the owner or owners  
 3-3 of a majority of the assessed value of the real property in the  
 3-4 district according to the most recent certified tax appraisal roll  
 3-5 for the county may submit a petition to the Texas Commission on  
 3-6 Environmental Quality requesting that the commission appoint as  
 3-7 temporary directors the five persons named in the petition. The  
 3-8 commission shall appoint as temporary directors the five persons  
 3-9 named in the petition.

3-10 (b) The temporary or successor temporary directors shall  
 3-11 hold an election to elect five permanent directors as provided by  
 3-12 Section 49.102, Water Code.

3-13 (c) Temporary directors serve until the earlier of:

3-14 (1) the date permanent directors are elected under  
 3-15 Subsection (b); or

3-16 (2) the fourth anniversary of the effective date of  
 3-17 the Act creating this chapter.

3-18 (d) If permanent directors have not been elected under  
 3-19 Subsection (b) and the terms of the temporary directors have  
 3-20 expired, successor temporary directors shall be appointed or  
 3-21 reappointed as provided by Subsection (e) to serve terms that  
 3-22 expire on the earlier of:

3-23 (1) the date permanent directors are elected under  
 3-24 Subsection (b); or

3-25 (2) the fourth anniversary of the date of the  
 3-26 appointment or reappointment.

3-27 (e) If Subsection (d) applies, the owner or owners of a  
 3-28 majority of the assessed value of the real property in the district  
 3-29 according to the most recent certified tax appraisal roll for the  
 3-30 county may submit a petition to the Texas Commission on  
 3-31 Environmental Quality requesting that the commission appoint as  
 3-32 successor temporary directors the five persons named in the  
 3-33 petition. The commission shall appoint as successor temporary  
 3-34 directors the five persons named in the petition.

3-35 SUBCHAPTER C. POWERS AND DUTIES

3-36 Sec. 4002.0301. GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES. The district  
 3-37 has the powers and duties necessary to accomplish the purposes for  
 3-38 which the district is created.

3-39 Sec. 4002.0302. IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AND SERVICES. (a) The  
 3-40 district, using any money available to the district for the  
 3-41 purpose, may provide, design, construct, acquire, improve,  
 3-42 relocate, operate, maintain, or finance an improvement project or  
 3-43 service authorized under this chapter or Chapter 375, Local  
 3-44 Government Code.

3-45 (b) The district may contract with a governmental or private  
 3-46 entity to carry out an action under Subsection (a).

3-47 (c) The implementation of a district project or service is a  
 3-48 governmental function or service for the purposes of Chapter 791,  
 3-49 Government Code.

3-50 Sec. 4002.0303. LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES. To protect the  
 3-51 public interest, the district may contract with a qualified party,  
 3-52 including the county or the city, to provide law enforcement  
 3-53 services in the district for a fee.

3-54 Sec. 4002.0304. MEMBERSHIP IN CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS.  
 3-55 The district may join and pay dues to a charitable or nonprofit  
 3-56 organization that performs a service or provides an activity  
 3-57 consistent with the furtherance of a district purpose.

3-58 Sec. 4002.0305. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS. (a) The  
 3-59 district may engage in activities that accomplish the economic  
 3-60 development purposes of the district.

3-61 (b) The district may establish and provide for the  
 3-62 administration of one or more programs to promote state or local  
 3-63 economic development and to stimulate business and commercial  
 3-64 activity in the district, including programs to:

3-65 (1) make loans and grants of public money; and

3-66 (2) provide district personnel and services.

3-67 (c) The district may create economic development programs  
 3-68 and exercise the economic development powers provided to  
 3-69 municipalities by:

4-1 (1) Chapter 380, Local Government Code; and  
4-2 (2) Subchapter A, Chapter 1509, Government Code.

4-3 Sec. 4002.0306. PARKING FACILITIES. (a) The district may  
4-4 acquire, lease as lessor or lessee, construct, develop, own,  
4-5 operate, and maintain parking facilities or a system of parking  
4-6 facilities, including lots, garages, parking terminals, or other  
4-7 structures or accommodations for parking motor vehicles off the  
4-8 streets and related appurtenances.

4-9 (b) The district's parking facilities serve the public  
4-10 purposes of the district and are owned, used, and held for a public  
4-11 purpose even if leased or operated by a private entity for a term of  
4-12 years.

4-13 (c) The district's parking facilities are parts of and  
4-14 necessary components of a street and are considered to be a street  
4-15 or road improvement.

4-16 (d) The development and operation of the district's parking  
4-17 facilities may be considered an economic development program.

4-18 Sec. 4002.0307. ADDING OR EXCLUDING LAND. The district may  
4-19 add or exclude land in the manner provided by Subchapter J, Chapter  
4-20 49, Water Code, or by Subchapter H, Chapter 54, Water Code.

4-21 Sec. 4002.0308. DISBURSEMENTS AND TRANSFERS OF MONEY. The  
4-22 board by resolution shall establish the number of directors'  
4-23 signatures and the procedure required for a disbursement or  
4-24 transfer of district money.

4-25 Sec. 4002.0309. NO EMINENT DOMAIN POWER. The district may  
4-26 not exercise the power of eminent domain.

4-27 SUBCHAPTER D. ASSESSMENTS

4-28 Sec. 4002.0401. PETITION REQUIRED FOR FINANCING SERVICES  
4-29 AND IMPROVEMENTS WITH ASSESSMENTS. (a) The board may not finance a  
4-30 service or improvement project with assessments under this chapter  
4-31 unless a written petition requesting that service or improvement  
4-32 has been filed with the board.

4-33 (b) A petition filed under Subsection (a) must be signed by  
4-34 the owners of a majority of the assessed value of real property in  
4-35 the district subject to assessment according to the most recent  
4-36 certified tax appraisal roll for the county.

4-37 Sec. 4002.0402. ASSESSMENTS; LIENS FOR ASSESSMENTS. (a)  
4-38 The board by resolution may impose and collect an assessment for any  
4-39 purpose authorized by this chapter in all or any part of the  
4-40 district.

4-41 (b) An assessment, a reassessment, or an assessment  
4-42 resulting from an addition to or correction of the assessment roll  
4-43 by the district, penalties and interest on an assessment or  
4-44 reassessment, an expense of collection, and reasonable attorney's  
4-45 fees incurred by the district:

4-46 (1) are a first and prior lien against the property  
4-47 assessed;

4-48 (2) are superior to any other lien or claim other than  
4-49 a lien or claim for county, school district, or municipal ad valorem  
4-50 taxes; and

4-51 (3) are the personal liability of and a charge against  
4-52 the owners of the property even if the owners are not named in the  
4-53 assessment proceedings.

4-54 (c) The lien is effective from the date of the board's  
4-55 resolution imposing the assessment until the date the assessment is  
4-56 paid. The board may enforce the lien in the same manner that the  
4-57 board may enforce an ad valorem tax lien against real property.

4-58 (d) The board may make a correction to or deletion from the  
4-59 assessment roll that does not increase the amount of assessment of  
4-60 any parcel of land without providing notice and holding a hearing in  
4-61 the manner required for additional assessments.

4-62 SUBCHAPTER E. TAXES AND BONDS

4-63 Sec. 4002.0501. TAX ELECTION REQUIRED. (a) The district  
4-64 must hold an election in the manner provided by Chapter 49, Water  
4-65 Code, or, if applicable, Chapter 375, Local Government Code, to  
4-66 obtain voter approval before the district may impose an ad valorem  
4-67 tax.

4-68 (b) Section 375.243, Local Government Code, does not apply  
4-69 to the district.

5-1 Sec. 4002.0502. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE TAX. (a) If  
5-2 authorized by a majority of the district voters voting at an  
5-3 election under Section 4002.0501, the district may impose an  
5-4 operation and maintenance tax on taxable property in the district  
5-5 in the manner provided by Section 49.107, Water Code, for any  
5-6 district purpose, including to:

- 5-7 (1) maintain and operate the district;
- 5-8 (2) construct or acquire improvements; or
- 5-9 (3) provide a service.

5-10 (b) The board shall determine the operation and maintenance  
5-11 tax rate. The rate may not exceed the rate approved at the  
5-12 election.

5-13 Sec. 4002.0503. AUTHORITY TO BORROW MONEY AND TO ISSUE  
5-14 BONDS AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS. (a) The district may borrow money on  
5-15 terms determined by the board.

5-16 (b) The district may issue bonds, notes, or other  
5-17 obligations payable wholly or partly from ad valorem taxes,  
5-18 assessments, impact fees, revenue, contract payments, grants, or  
5-19 other district money, or any combination of those sources of money,  
5-20 to pay for any authorized district purpose.

5-21 (c) The limitation on the outstanding principal amount of  
5-22 bonds, notes, or other obligations provided by Section 49.4645,  
5-23 Water Code, does not apply to the district.

5-24 Sec. 4002.0504. BONDS SECURED BY REVENUE OR CONTRACT  
5-25 PAYMENTS. The district may issue, without an election, bonds  
5-26 secured by:

- 5-27 (1) revenue other than ad valorem taxes, including  
5-28 contract revenues; or
- 5-29 (2) contract payments, provided that the requirements  
5-30 of Section 49.108, Water Code, have been met.

5-31 Sec. 4002.0505. BONDS SECURED BY AD VALOREM TAXES;  
5-32 ELECTIONS. (a) If authorized at an election under Section  
5-33 4002.0501, the district may issue bonds payable from ad valorem  
5-34 taxes.

5-35 (b) At the time the district issues bonds payable wholly or  
5-36 partly from ad valorem taxes, the board shall provide for the annual  
5-37 imposition of a continuing direct annual ad valorem tax, without  
5-38 limit as to rate or amount, for each year that all or part of the  
5-39 bonds are outstanding as required and in the manner provided by  
5-40 Sections 54.601 and 54.602, Water Code.

5-41 (c) All or any part of any facilities or improvements that  
5-42 may be acquired by a district by the issuance of its bonds may be  
5-43 submitted as a single proposition or as several propositions to be  
5-44 voted on at the election.

5-45 Sec. 4002.0506. CONSENT OF MUNICIPALITY REQUIRED. (a) The  
5-46 board may not issue bonds until each municipality in whose  
5-47 corporate limits or extraterritorial jurisdiction the district is  
5-48 located has consented by ordinance or resolution to the creation of  
5-49 the district and to the inclusion of land in the district, as  
5-50 required by applicable law.

5-51 (b) This section applies only to the district's first  
5-52 issuance of bonds payable from ad valorem taxes.

5-53 SUBCHAPTER I. DISSOLUTION

5-54 Sec. 4002.0901. DISSOLUTION. (a) The board shall dissolve  
5-55 the district on written petition filed with the board by the owners  
5-56 of at least two-thirds of the assessed value of the property subject  
5-57 to assessment or taxation by the district based on the most recent  
5-58 certified county property tax rolls.

5-59 (b) The board by majority vote may dissolve the district at  
5-60 any time.

5-61 (c) The district may not be dissolved by its board under  
5-62 Subsection (a) or (b) if the district:

- 5-63 (1) has any outstanding bonded indebtedness until that  
5-64 bonded indebtedness has been repaid or defeased in accordance with  
5-65 the order or resolution authorizing the issuance of the bonds;
- 5-66 (2) has a contractual obligation to pay money until  
5-67 that obligation has been fully paid in accordance with the  
5-68 contract; or
- 5-69 (3) owns, operates, or maintains public works,

6-1 facilities, or improvements unless the district contracts with  
 6-2 another person for the ownership, operation, or maintenance of the  
 6-3 public works, facilities, or improvements.

6-4 (d) Sections 375.261, 375.262, and 375.264, Local  
 6-5 Government Code, do not apply to the district.

6-6 SECTION 2. The Liberty County Management District No. 2  
 6-7 initially includes all territory contained in the following area:

6-8 A 236.217 acre, or 10,289,620 square feet more or less, tract  
 6-9 of land, being a portion of a called 368.6110 acre tract of land as  
 6-10 described in a deed recorded in Volume 1490, Page 338 Official  
 6-11 Public Records of Liberty County and being a portion of Friendswood  
 6-12 tracts of land as described in a deed recorded in Volume 626, Page  
 6-13 324 Official Public Records of Liberty County and being a portion of  
 6-14 Strother Timberlands, Ltd. tracts of land as described in a deed  
 6-15 recorded in Volume 1394, Page 672 Official Public Records of  
 6-16 Liberty County and being a portion of Eugene Campbella as described  
 6-17 in a deed recorded in Volume 1404, Page 346 Official Public Records  
 6-18 of Liberty County. Said 236.217 acre tract being more fully  
 6-19 described as follows, with bearings based on the Texas Coordinate  
 6-20 System of 1983, Central Zone:

6-21 BEGINNING at a TXDOT monument found for the southwest corner  
 6-22 of said 359.4174 acre tract and the northwest corner of said 327.35  
 6-23 acre tract and the northeast corner of a called 64.6488 acre tract  
 6-24 as recorded under Volume 1953, Page 23 of the Official Public  
 6-25 Records of Liberty County, Texas and along Extra-Territorial  
 6-26 Jurisdiction (ETJ) line;

6-27 THENCE, S 03°29'24" E, along and with the west line of said  
 6-28 138.7288 acre tract and the east line of said 359.4174 acre tract a  
 6-29 distance of 2,883.20 feet to a point for the southwest corner of a  
 6-30 called 20.000 acre tract as recorded under Volume 1546, Page 662 of  
 6-31 the Official Public Records of Liberty County, Texas;

6-32 THENCE, N 86°40'59" E, along the common line of the  
 6-33 Extra-Territorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) line and said 359.4174 acre  
 6-34 tract and along said 20.000 acre tract, a distance of 157.93 feet to  
 6-35 a point for the east corner of the herein described tract and the  
 6-36 northwest corner of a called 50.000 acre tract as recorded under  
 6-37 Volume 1448, Page 446 of the Official Public Records of Liberty  
 6-38 County, Texas;

6-39 THENCE, S 01°59'28" E, along said common line, a distance of  
 6-40 2,076.23 feet to a point for the southeast corner of the herein  
 6-41 described tract and the southwest corner of said 50.000 acre tract  
 6-42 and on the north line of ship Farm Addition as recorded under  
 6-43 Volume 1, Page 26 of the Liberty County Map Records;

6-44 THENCE, S 86°59'49" W, along said common line, a distance of  
 6-45 1,783.46 feet to a point for the southwest corner of the herein  
 6-46 described tract and on the north line of a called 178.40 acre tract  
 6-47 as recorded under Liberty County Clerk's File Number 2004009912;

6-48 THENCE, along and with the line of said ETJ and over and  
 6-49 across said 359.4174 acre tract, the following courses and  
 6-50 distances:

6-51 N 02°59'01" W, departing said north line, a distance of  
 6-52 3,260.25 feet to point for an interior corner;

6-53 S 77°59'08" W, a distance of 1,651.66 feet to a point for a  
 6-54 west corner of the herein described tract and on the east line of a  
 6-55 77.1974 acre tract as recorded under Liberty County Clerk's File  
 6-56 Number 20040015473 and on the west line of said 359.4171 acre tract;

6-57 THENCE, N 00°57'53" E, along and with said common line, a  
 6-58 distance of 974.75 feet to a point for the northwest corner of the  
 6-59 herein described tract;

6-60 THENCE, N 65°53'11" E, along and with said common line, a  
 6-61 distance of 276.91 feet to an interior corner;

6-62 THENCE, N 22°19'58" W, a distance of 172.48 feet to a point  
 6-63 corner and on the southeast right-of-way line of State Highway  
 6-64 Number 105 (width varies) and on the north line of said 359.4174  
 6-65 acre tract;

6-66 THENCE, N 67°46'10" E, along and with said southeast  
 6-67 right-of-way line, a distance of 1,165.84 feet to a point of a  
 6-68 tangent curve to the right;

6-69 THENCE, Northeasterly, along a tangent curve to the right, a

7-1 radius of 3,208.83 feet, a central angle of 14°58'29", a chord  
7-2 bearing and distance of N 75°15'24" E, 836.27 feet, for an arc length  
7-3 of 838.65 feet to a to a point of tangency;  
7-4 THENCE, N 82°24'50" E, along and with said southeast  
7-5 right-of-way line, a distance of 594.74 feet to a point of a tangent  
7-6 curve to the left;  
7-7 THENCE, Northeasterly, along a tangent curve to the left, a  
7-8 radius of 853.02 feet, a central angle of 26°03'00", a chord bearing  
7-9 and distance of N 69°23'37" E, 384.50 feet, for an arc length of  
7-10 387.83 feet to a to a point of tangency;  
7-11 THENCE: N 85°11'36" E, a distance of 120.34 feet to the POINT  
7-12 OF BEGINNING, and containing 236.217 acres in the City of  
7-13 Cleveland, Liberty County, Texas.  
7-14 SECTION 3. (a) The legal notice of the intention to  
7-15 introduce this Act, setting forth the general substance of this  
7-16 Act, has been published as provided by law, and the notice and a  
7-17 copy of this Act have been furnished to all persons, agencies,  
7-18 officials, or entities to which they are required to be furnished  
7-19 under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, and Chapter 313,  
7-20 Government Code.  
7-21 (b) The governor, one of the required recipients, has  
7-22 submitted the notice and Act to the Texas Commission on  
7-23 Environmental Quality.  
7-24 (c) The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has filed  
7-25 its recommendations relating to this Act with the governor,  
7-26 lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house of representatives  
7-27 within the required time.  
7-28 (d) All requirements of the constitution and laws of this  
7-29 state and the rules and procedures of the legislature with respect  
7-30 to the notice, introduction, and passage of this Act have been  
7-31 fulfilled and accomplished.  
7-32 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
7-33 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
7-34 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
7-35 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
7-36 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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