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S.B. No. 2604

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the creation of the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 589; 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 F, Title 6, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Chapter 8005A to read as follows:

CHAPTER 8005A. HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 589

SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 8005A.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 Municipal Utility District No. 589.

Sec. 8005A.0102. NATURE OF DISTRICT. The district is a municipal utility district created under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution.

Sec. 8005A.0103. CONFIRMATION AND DIRECTOR ELECTION REQUIRED. The temporary directors shall hold an election to confirm the creation of the district and to elect five permanent directors as provided by Section 49.102, Water Code.

1 Sec. 8005A.0104. CONSENT OF MUNICIPALITY REQUIRED. The
2 temporary directors may not hold an election under Section
3 8005A.0103 until each municipality in whose corporate limits or
4 extraterritorial jurisdiction the district is located has
5 consented by ordinance or resolution to the creation of the
6 district and to the inclusion of land in the district as required by
7 applicable law.

8 Sec. 8005A.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 municipal utility district as provided by
12 general law and Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution; and

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

17 Sec. 8005A.0106. INITIAL DISTRICT TERRITORY. (a) The
18 district is initially composed of the territory described by
19 Section 2 of the Act enacting this chapter.

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

24 (1) organization, existence, or validity;

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

1 (3) right to impose a tax; or

2 (4) legality or operation.

3 SUBCHAPTER B. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

4 Sec. 8005A.0201. GOVERNING BODY; TERMS. (a) The district
5 is governed by a board of five elected directors.

6 (b) Except as provided by Section 8005A.0202, directors
7 serve staggered four-year terms.

8 Sec. 8005A.0202. TEMPORARY DIRECTORS. (a) The temporary
9 board consists of:

10 (1) Steven Thorin;

11 (2) Ethan Zenzen;

12 (3) Creager Davis;

13 (4) Greg Monette; and

14 (5) Christy Naves Bowen.

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

16 (1) the date permanent directors are elected under
17 Section 8005A.0103; or

18 (2) the fourth anniversary of the effective date of
19 the Act enacting this chapter.

20 (c) If permanent directors have not been elected under
21 Section 8005A.0103 and the terms of the temporary directors have
22 expired, successor temporary directors shall be appointed or
23 reappointed as provided by Subsection (d) to serve terms that
24 expire on the earlier of:

25 (1) the date permanent directors are elected under
26 Section 8005A.0103; or

27 (2) the fourth anniversary of the date of the

1 appointment or reappointment.

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

9 SUBCHAPTER C. POWERS AND DUTIES

10 Sec. 8005A.0301. GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES. The district
11 has the powers and duties necessary to accomplish the purposes for
12 which the district is created.

13 Sec. 8005A.0302. MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT POWERS AND
14 DUTIES. The district has the powers and duties provided by the
15 general law of this state, including Chapters 49 and 54, Water Code,
16 applicable to municipal utility districts created under Section 59,
17 Article XVI, Texas Constitution.

18 Sec. 8005A.0303. AUTHORITY FOR ROAD PROJECTS. Under
19 Section 52, Article III, Texas Constitution, the district may
20 design, acquire, construct, finance, issue bonds for, improve,
21 operate, maintain, and convey to this state, a county, or a
22 municipality for operation and maintenance macadamized, graveled,
23 or paved roads, or improvements, including storm drainage, in aid
24 of those roads.

25 Sec. 8005A.0304. ROAD STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS. (a) A
26 road project must meet all applicable construction standards,
27 zoning and subdivision requirements, and regulations of each

1 municipality in whose corporate limits or extraterritorial
2 jurisdiction the road project is located.

3 (b) If a road project is not located in the corporate limits
4 or extraterritorial jurisdiction of a municipality, the road
5 project must meet all applicable construction standards,
6 subdivision requirements, and regulations of each county in which
7 the road project is located.

8 (c) If the state will maintain and operate the road, the
9 Texas Transportation Commission must approve the plans and
10 specifications of the road project.

11 Sec. 8005A.0305. COMPLIANCE WITH MUNICIPAL CONSENT
12 ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION. The district shall comply with all
13 applicable requirements of any ordinance or resolution that is
14 adopted under Section 54.016 or 54.0165, Water Code, and that
15 consents to the creation of the district or to the inclusion of land
16 in the district.

17 SUBCHAPTER D. GENERAL FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

18 Sec. 8005A.0401. ELECTIONS REGARDING TAXES OR BONDS. (a)
19 The district may issue, without an election, bonds and other
20 obligations secured by:

21 (1) revenue other than ad valorem taxes; or
22 (2) contract payments described by Section
23 8005A.0403.

24 (b) The district must hold an election in the manner
25 provided by Chapters 49 and 54, Water Code, to obtain voter approval
26 before the district may impose an ad valorem tax or issue bonds
27 payable from ad valorem taxes.

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

5 Sec. 8005A.0402. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE TAX. (a) If
6 authorized at an election held under Section 8005A.0401, the
7 district may impose an operation and maintenance tax on taxable
8 property in the district in accordance with Section 49.107, Water
9 Code.

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

12 Sec. 8005A.0403. CONTRACT TAXES. (a) In accordance with
13 Section 49.108, Water Code, the district may impose a tax other than
14 an operation and maintenance tax and use the revenue derived from
15 the tax to make payments under a contract after the provisions of
16 the contract have been approved by a majority of the district voters
17 voting at an election held for that purpose.

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

21 SUBCHAPTER E. BONDS AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS

22 Sec. 8005A.0501. AUTHORITY TO ISSUE BONDS AND OTHER
23 OBLIGATIONS. The district may issue bonds or other obligations
24 payable wholly or partly from ad valorem taxes, impact fees,
25 revenue, contract payments, grants, or other district money, or any
26 combination of those sources, to pay for any authorized district
27 purpose.

1 Sec. 8005A.0502. TAXES FOR BONDS. At the time the district
2 issues bonds payable wholly or partly from ad valorem taxes, the
3 board shall provide for the annual imposition of a continuing
4 direct ad valorem tax, without limit as to rate or amount, while all
5 or part of the bonds are outstanding as required and in the manner
6 provided by Sections 54.601 and 54.602, Water Code.

7 Sec. 8005A.0503. BONDS FOR ROAD PROJECTS. At the time of
8 issuance, the total principal amount of bonds or other obligations
9 issued or incurred to finance road projects and payable from ad
10 valorem taxes may not exceed one-fourth of the assessed value of the
11 real property in the district.

12 SECTION 2. The Harris County Municipal Utility District
13 No. 589 initially includes all the territory contained in the
14 following area:

15 BEING 177.5513 acres of land in the Eli Noland Survey,
16 Abstract Number 600, City of Houston, Harris County, Texas, being
17 out of that certain 259 acre tract of land described in deed to Max
18 Taub and Sam Taub, recorded in Volume 240, Page 227 of the Harris
19 County Deed Records and being part of that tract described as Tract
20 4 in the deed to Saltmine Investment Partnership, LTD., recorded in
21 Harris County Clerk's File Number U711769, and being more
22 particularly described by metes and bounds as follows:

23 COMMENCING from a 5/8 inch iron rod found in the south line of
24 Little York Road (width varies) at the northwest corner of a 10.00
25 acre tract of land described in deed to North Forest Independent
26 School District and recorded in Volume 4512, Page 38 of the Harris
27 County Deed Records;

1 THENCE S.02°17'20"E. 1039.16 feet along the west line of said
2 10.00 acre tract to a 5/8 inch iron rod with "ATKINSON 5897" cap
3 found in the center line of a 80 foot wide Harris County Flood
4 Control District drainage easement as described in Volume 3171,
5 Page 105 of the Harris County Deed Records; marking the PLACE OF
6 BEGINNING for the herein described tract;

7 THENCE S.56°33'02"E. 432.20 feet along the centerline of said
8 80 foot wide Harris County Flood Control District drainage easement
9 to a point being the northwest corner of a tract of land described
10 in deed to GC Community Development Corporation INC. and recorded
11 in Harris County Clerk's File Number RP-2020-539585;

12 THENCE S.02°17'20"E. 2556.76 feet along the west line of said
13 GC Community Development Corporation INC. tract of land, and the
14 west line of a the Cockburn Tract, an unrecorded subdivision to a 2
15 inch iron pipe found in the north line of a tract described in deed
16 to Caddo 67 LLC, and recorded in Harris County Clerk's File Number
17 RP-2020-286028;

18 THENCE S.87°26'22"W. 3390.12 feet along the north line of said
19 Caddo 67 LLC, tract and the north line of Melbourne Place, Section
20 Three Subdivision recorded in Volume 49, Page 37 of the Harris
21 County Map Records to a 5/8 inch iron rod with "ATKINSON 5897" cap
22 found at the southeast corner of a 6.8361 acre tract of land
23 described in Deed of Trust to Joseph Bruno and recorded in Harris
24 County Clerk's File Number H825572 from which a found 3/4 inch
25 galvanized iron pipe bears S.87°26'22"W. 742.49 feet;

26 THENCE N.02°46'11"W. 802.69 feet along the east line of said
27 6.8361 acre tract of land to a 3/4 inch iron rod found in the

1 southeasterly line of a 100 foot wide Beaumont-Sour Lake and
2 Western Railroad recorded in Volume 194, Page 45 of the Harris
3 County Deed Records;

4 THENCE N.40°03'54"E. 2619.32 feet along the southeasterly
5 line of said Beaumont-Sour Lake and Western Railroad to a 5/8 inch
6 iron rod with "ATKINSON 5897" cap found in the south line of Lot 81
7 of Busch Subdivision as shown on the plat thereof recorded in Volume
8 1A, Page 8 of the Harris County Deed Records;

9 THENCE N.87°38'02"E. 676.00 feet along a south line of said
10 Lot 81, Lot 80 and Lot 79 to a 1 inch iron pipe found for the
11 southeast corner of said Lot 79, Busch Subdivision;

12 THENCE N.02°01'45"W. 519.93 feet along the east line of said
13 Lot 79, Lot 78 of said Busch Subdivision to a 5/8 inch iron rod with
14 "ATKINSON 5897" cap set for corner in the centerline of said 80 foot
15 wide Harris County Flood Control District Easement;

16 THENCE S.56°33'02"E. 742.88 feet along the centerline of said
17 80 foot wide Harris County Flood Control District Easement to the
18 PLACE OF BEGINNING.

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

26 (b) The governor, one of the required recipients, has
27 submitted the notice and Act to the Texas Commission on

1 Environmental Quality.

2 (c) The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has filed
3 its recommendations relating to this Act with the governor, the
4 lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of
5 representatives within the required time.

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

10 SECTION 4. (a) If this Act does not receive a two-thirds
11 vote of all the members elected to each house, Subchapter C, Chapter
12 8005A, Special District Local Laws Code, as added by Section 1 of
13 this Act, is amended by adding Section 8005A.0306 to read as
14 follows:

15 Sec. 8005A.0306. NO EMINENT DOMAIN POWER. The district may
16 not exercise the power of eminent domain.

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

20 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
21 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
22 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
23 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
24 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.