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S.B. No. 2629

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the authority of the Roman Forest Public Utility
3 District No. 4 for road projects; providing authority to issue
4 bonds.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 8405.003(c), Special District Local Laws
7 Code, is amended to read as follows:

8 (c) The creation of the district is essential to accomplish
9 the purposes of:

- 10 (1) Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution; and
11 (2) Section 52, Article III, Texas Constitution, that
12 relate to the construction, acquisition, improvement, operation,
13 or maintenance of macadamized, graveled, or paved roads, or
14 improvements, including storm drainage, in aid of those roads.

15 SECTION 2. Subchapter C, Chapter 8405, Special District
16 Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Sections 8405.102 and
17 8405.103 to read as follows:

18 Sec. 8405.102. AUTHORITY FOR ROAD PROJECTS. Under Section
19 52, Article III, Texas Constitution, the district may design,
20 acquire, construct, finance, issue bonds for, improve, operate,
21 maintain, and convey to this state, a county, or a municipality for
22 operation and maintenance macadamized, graveled, or paved roads, or
23 improvements, including storm drainage, in aid of those roads.

24 Sec. 8405.103. ROAD STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS. (a) A road

1 project must meet all applicable construction standards, zoning and
2 subdivision requirements, and regulations of each municipality in
3 whose corporate limits or extraterritorial jurisdiction the road
4 project is located.

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

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

13 SECTION 3. Chapter 8405, Special District Local Laws Code,
14 is amended by adding Subchapter D to read as follows:

15 SUBCHAPTER D. BONDS AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS

16 Sec. 8405.201. AUTHORITY TO ISSUE BONDS AND OTHER
17 OBLIGATIONS FOR ROAD PROJECTS. (a) The district may issue bonds or
18 other obligations payable wholly or partly from ad valorem taxes,
19 impact fees, revenue, contract payments, grants, or other district
20 money, or any combination of those sources, to pay for a road
21 project authorized by Section 8405.102.

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

26 Sec. 8405.202. TAXES FOR BONDS. At the time the district
27 issues bonds payable wholly or partly from ad valorem taxes, the

1 board shall provide for the annual imposition of a continuing
2 direct ad valorem tax, without limit as to rate or amount, while all
3 or part of the bonds are outstanding as required and in the manner
4 provided by Sections 54.601 and 54.602, Water Code.

5 Sec. 8405.203. BONDS FOR ROAD PROJECTS. At the time of
6 issuance, the total principal amount of bonds or other obligations
7 issued or incurred to finance road projects and payable from ad
8 valorem taxes may not exceed one-fourth of the assessed value of the
9 real property in the district.

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

17 (b) The governor, one of the required recipients, has
18 submitted the notice and Act to the Texas Commission on
19 Environmental Quality.

20 (c) The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has filed
21 its recommendations relating to this Act with the governor, the
22 lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of
23 representatives within the required time.

24 (d) All requirements of the constitution and laws of this
25 state and the rules and procedures of the legislature with respect
26 to the notice, introduction, and passage of this Act are fulfilled
27 and accomplished.

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