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H.B. No. 924

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to extending the boundaries of the Galveston County
3 Navigation District No. 1.

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

5 SECTION 1. DEFINITION. In this Act, "district" means the
6 Galveston County Navigation District No. 1.

7 SECTION 2. EXTENSION OF BOUNDARIES. Subject to a
8 confirmation election held as provided by Section 4 of this Act, the
9 boundaries of the district are extended to include all areas that,
10 on the effective date of this Act, are within the geographical
11 boundaries of the city of Galveston, the city of Jamaica Beach, and
12 Galveston Island State Park and the unincorporated areas within the
13 Galveston County Municipal Utility District No. 1 - Pirates Beach.

14 SECTION 3. FINDING OF BENEFIT. All of the land and other
15 property included within the boundaries of the district as extended
16 by this Act will be benefited by the works and projects that are to
17 be accomplished by the district under powers conferred by Section
18 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution. The district is created to
19 serve a public use and benefit.

20 SECTION 4. CONFIRMATION ELECTION; ORDER OF
21 ANNEXATION. (a) The board of navigation and canal commissioners
22 of the district shall call and hold an election to confirm the
23 extension of the boundaries of the district under Section 2 of this
24 Act.

1 (b) The board of navigation and canal commissioners shall
2 conduct the election as provided by Sections 63.376-63.379, Water
3 Code, except that:

4 (1) the election must be held so as to include all
5 eligible voters residing in the district and in the territory
6 described by Section 2 of this Act;

7 (2) the ballots for the election must be printed to
8 allow for voting for or against the proposition: "Annexation to
9 Galveston County Navigation District No. 1 of all of the area of
10 Galveston Island not presently part of the district"; and

11 (3) if a majority of the voters voting in the election
12 favor the annexation, the board of navigation and canal
13 commissioners shall enter an order in its minutes annexing the
14 additional territory to the district.

15 (c) The board of navigation and canal commissioners may
16 order the election held on the date of the general election of state
17 and county officers, jointly with the general election, in the
18 manner provided by Section 63.0895, Water Code.

19 (d) On and after the entry of the order required by
20 Subsection (b)(3) of this section, the annexed territory is a part
21 of the district for all purposes.

22 (e) Before the entry of the order required by Subsection
23 (b)(3) of this section:

24 (1) property located outside the boundaries of the
25 district, as those boundaries existed immediately before the
26 effective date of this Act, is not subject to ad valorem taxes of
27 the district;

1 (2) voters of the territory located outside the
2 boundaries of the district, as those boundaries existed immediately
3 before the effective date of this Act, may not vote in an election
4 for navigation and canal commissioners of the district; and

5 (3) to qualify as a candidate for election as a
6 navigation and canal commissioner, a person must reside inside the
7 boundaries of the district, as those boundaries existed immediately
8 before the effective date of this Act.

9 (f) If the order required by Subsection (b)(3) of this
10 section is not entered before the fifth anniversary of the
11 effective date of this Act, this Act expires.

12 SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect
13 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members
14 elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas
15 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for
16 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2003.