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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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AN ACT

relating to the territory and the governing body of the Port of  
Corpus Christi Authority of Nueces County, Texas.

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

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS. In this Act:

(1) "Authority" means the Port of Corpus Christi  
Authority of Nueces County, Texas.

(2) "Commissioners court" means the Commissioners  
Court of San Patricio County.

(3) "Port commission" means the port commission of the  
Port of Corpus Christi Authority of Nueces County, Texas.

SECTION 2. CONFIRMATION ELECTION. (a) On a uniform  
election date in 2003, the commissioners court shall call and hold  
an election in San Patricio County to allow for voting for or  
against the proposition: "Annexation of San Patricio County to the  
Port of Corpus Christi Authority of Nueces County, Texas."

(b) The commissioners court shall conduct the election as  
provided by Sections 62.296 and 62.298, Water Code, performing all  
the duties of the commission of the annexing district provided by  
those sections.

(c) The commissioners court shall canvass the returns of the  
election and certify the election result to the port commission.

(d) If a majority of the voters voting at the election favor  
the annexation of San Patricio County, the port commission shall

1 enter and have recorded an order of annexation as provided by  
2 Sections 62.299(c) and (d), Water Code.

3 (e) If the annexation of San Patricio County is not approved  
4 at the election held under Subsection (a) of this section, another  
5 confirmation election may be held not sooner than five years after  
6 the date of the first confirmation election. Confirmation  
7 elections may be held every five years until the annexation of San  
8 Patricio County is approved.

9 (f) Except as provided by this section, a confirmation  
10 election must be conducted as provided by the Election Code.

11 SECTION 3. PORT COMMISSION. If the annexation of San  
12 Patricio County is approved at an election held under Section 2 of  
13 this Act:

14 (1) the port commission is composed of seven members;

15 (2) notwithstanding Section 2, Chapter 397, Acts of  
16 the 68th Legislature, Regular Session, 1983:

17 (A) the Commissioners Court of Nueces County  
18 shall appoint three members to the port commission;

19 (B) the City Council of Corpus Christi shall  
20 appoint three members to the port commission; and

21 (C) the Commissioners Court of San Patricio  
22 County shall appoint one member to the port commission;

23 (3) the commissioners serving at the time the  
24 annexation of San Patricio County is approved continue to serve,  
25 unless otherwise removed as provided by law, until the expiration  
26 of their terms; and

27 (4) following the annexation of San Patricio County,

1 the Commissioners Court of San Patricio County shall appoint one  
2 member to the port commission to fill the first vacancy created by  
3 the expiration of the term of a commissioner appointed by the  
4 Commissioners Court of Nueces County.

5 SECTION 4. SUBSEQUENT ELECTIONS. If the annexation of San  
6 Patricio County is approved at an election held under Section 2 of  
7 this Act, any subsequent election relating to the authority shall  
8 be held in the authority as a whole, and not on a county-by-county  
9 basis.

10 SECTION 5. AMENDMENT. Chapter 397, Acts of the 68th  
11 Legislature, Regular Session, 1983, is amended by adding Section 4A  
12 to read as follows:

13 Sec. 4A. FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE. Not later than April 30 each  
14 year, a port commissioner shall file with the Texas Ethics  
15 Commission a financial statement that complies with Sections  
16 572.022-572.024, Government Code. A statement filed under this  
17 section is a public record.

18 SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect  
19 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members  
20 elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas  
21 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for  
22 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2003.