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AN ACT

relating to the creation of the Temple Health and Bioscience Economic Development District; providing authority to impose a tax and issue bonds.

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

ARTICLE 1. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT; CONSTRUCTION OF ACT

SECTION 1.001. DECLARATION OF LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT. (a) The creation of a district under this Act is essential to accomplish the purposes of Section 52-a, Article III, and Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, and to accomplish other public purposes stated in this Act.

(b) This Act is enabling legislation enacted to further the public purposes under Section 52-a, Article III, Texas Constitution.

(c) The creation of a district under this Act is necessary to further the public purpose of improving the economy of the state and the City of Temple by providing for the development of health and bioscience operations and facilities.

(d) A district created under this Act serves the public purposes stated in this section.

SECTION 1.002. CONSTRUCTION OF ACT. (a) This Act shall be liberally construed in conformity with the legislative findings and purposes set forth in this Act.

(b) Chapter 311, Government Code (Code Construction Act),

1 applies to this Act.

2 (c) A reference to a section without further identification
3 is a reference to a section of this Act.

4 ARTICLE 2. GENERAL PROVISIONS

5 SECTION 2.001. DEFINITIONS. In this Act:

6 (1) "Board" means the board of directors of the
7 district.

8 (2) "Bond" means an interest-bearing obligation
9 issued by the district under this Act, including a bond,
10 certificate, note, or other evidence of indebtedness.

11 (3) "City council" means the governing body of the
12 City of Temple.

13 (4) "Director" means a board member.

14 (5) "District" means the Temple Health and Bioscience
15 Economic Development District.

16 (6) "Project" means a project established under
17 Section 5.010 and includes the land, buildings, equipment,
18 facilities, infrastructure, improvements, and other property
19 necessary to accomplish the purposes of the project.

20 SECTION 2.002. NATURE OF DISTRICT. The district is a
21 special district and a political subdivision of this state under
22 Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution.

23 ARTICLE 3. CREATION OF DISTRICT

24 SECTION 3.001. APPLICATION FOR PETITION TO CREATE DISTRICT.

25 (a) If 10 or more qualified voters of the City of Temple file a
26 written application with the city, the city shall issue to the
27 applicants a petition to be circulated among the qualified voters

1 of the city for the signatures of voters who desire that a local
2 option election be called in the city to determine whether to create
3 the district:

4 (1) with the power to impose an ad valorem tax not to
5 exceed 15 cents per \$100 valuation of all taxable property in the
6 district; or

7 (2) without the power to impose an ad valorem tax.

8 (b) If the district is created without the power to impose
9 an ad valorem tax and 10 or more qualified voters of the City of
10 Temple file a written application with the city for a petition to
11 enable the district to impose a tax, the city shall issue to the
12 applicants a petition to be circulated among the qualified voters
13 of the city for the signatures of voters who desire to enable the
14 district to impose an ad valorem tax not to exceed 15 cents per \$100
15 valuation of all taxable property in the district.

16 (c) At the request of petitioners under this section, a
17 petition for a local option election to determine whether the
18 district may impose an ad valorem tax may also express that at the
19 same election the district shall be authorized to issue bonds
20 payable in whole or in part from that ad valorem tax as permitted
21 under Section 6.010.

22 SECTION 3.002. HEADING, STATEMENT, AND ISSUE ON APPLICATION
23 FOR PETITION TO CREATE DISTRICT. (a) An application for a
24 petition under Section 3.001 to create the district with the power
25 to impose an ad valorem tax must be entitled: "Application for
26 Local Option Election Petition to Create the Temple Health and
27 Bioscience Economic Development District with the Power to Impose

1 an Ad Valorem Tax not to Exceed 15 Cents per \$100 Valuation of all
2 Taxable Property in the District." The application must contain a
3 statement just before the signatures of the applicants that reads
4 substantially as follows: "The petitioners whose signatures appear
5 on this petition intend that the Temple Health and Bioscience
6 Economic Development District referred to in the issue set out
7 above be created." If the petition also seeks an election to
8 authorize the issuance of bonds by the district payable in whole or
9 in part from ad valorem taxes, the statement: "and to Issue Bonds
10 Payable in Whole or in Part from the Ad Valorem Tax" must be
11 appended to the end of the title specified in this subsection.

12 (b) An application for a petition under Section 3.001(a) to
13 create the district without the power to impose the ad valorem tax
14 must be entitled: "Application for Local Option Election Petition
15 to Create the Temple Health and Bioscience Economic Development
16 District." The application must contain a statement just before
17 the signatures of the applicants that reads substantially as
18 follows: "The petitioners whose signatures appear on this petition
19 intend that the Temple Health and Bioscience Economic Development
20 District referred to in the issue set out above be created."

21 (c) If the district initially is created without ad valorem
22 taxing authority, an application for a petition under Section
23 3.001(b) seeking an election to enable the district to impose an ad
24 valorem tax not to exceed 15 cents per \$100 valuation of all taxable
25 property in the district must be entitled: "Application for Local
26 Option Election Petition to Enable the Temple Health and Bioscience
27 Economic Development District to Impose an Ad Valorem Tax not to

1 Exceed 15 cents per \$100 Valuation of all Taxable Property in the
2 District." The application must contain a statement just before
3 the signatures of the applicants that reads substantially as
4 follows: "The petitioners whose signatures appear on this petition
5 intend that the Temple Health and Bioscience Economic Development
6 District be enabled to impose an ad valorem tax not to exceed 15
7 cents per \$100 valuation of all taxable property in the district."
8 If the petition also seeks an election to authorize the issuance of
9 bonds by the district payable in whole or in part from ad valorem
10 taxes, the statement: "and to Issue Bonds Payable in Whole or in
11 Part from the Ad Valorem Tax" must be appended to the title
12 specified by this subsection.

13 (d) Each petition must show the date it is issued by the City
14 of Temple and be serially numbered. Each page of a petition must
15 bear the same date and serial number.

16 SECTION 3.003. COPIES OF PETITION. (a) The City of Temple
17 shall supply as many copies of the petition as required by the
18 applicants but not to exceed more than one page of the petition for
19 every 10 registered voters in the city. Each copy shall bear the
20 date, number, and seal on each page as required on the original
21 petition.

22 (b) The City of Temple shall keep a copy of each petition and
23 a record of the applicants for that petition.

24 SECTION 3.004. FILING AND VERIFICATION OF PETITION.

25 (a) Not later than the 120th day after the date on which a petition
26 is issued by the City of Temple under Section 3.002, the applicants
27 requesting the petition may file a request with the City of Temple

1 for the petition to be verified under Subsection (b).

2 (b) If a request for verification is made under
3 Subsection (a), the City of Temple shall examine the names of the
4 signers of petitions and determine whether the signers of the
5 petition were qualified voters of the city at the time the petition
6 was issued. The City of Temple shall certify to the city council
7 the number of qualified voters signing the petition not later than
8 the 15th day after the date the request for verification was filed.

9 (c) A signature may not be counted under this section if
10 there is good reason to believe that:

11 (1) the signature is not the actual signature of the
12 purported signer;

13 (2) the voter registration certificate number is not
14 correct;

15 (3) the signature duplicates a name or the handwriting
16 used in any other signature on the petition; or

17 (4) the signer's residence address cannot be verified.

18 SECTION 3.005. REQUIREMENTS TO ORDER ELECTION. (a) Not
19 later than the date of the second regular session of the city
20 council convened after a petition has been verified under Section
21 3.004, the city council shall order a local option election to be
22 held on the issue set out in the petition if the petition contains
23 the following:

24 (1) the actual signatures of a number of qualified
25 voters of the City of Temple equal to at least 10 percent of the
26 registered voters of the city who voted in the most recent general
27 election in the city;

1 (2) a notation showing the residence address of each
2 signer;

3 (3) each signer's voter registration certificate
4 number; and

5 (4) each signer's printed name.

6 (b) The following shall be entered in the city council
7 minutes:

8 (1) the dates a petition is presented to and verified
9 by the City of Temple;

10 (2) the names of the signers; and

11 (3) the action taken on the petition.

12 SECTION 3.006. NOTICE AND CONDUCT OF ELECTION; RESULTS.

13 (a) If the requirements to order an election under Section 3.005
14 are met, the city council shall give notice of the election on the
15 issue set out in the verified petition by publishing a substantial
16 copy of the election order once a week for two consecutive weeks in
17 a newspaper with general circulation in the City of Temple. The
18 first publication must appear before the 14th day before the date
19 set for the election. If the election order includes the issue of
20 whether the district may issue bonds, the first publication must
21 appear before the 31st day before the date set for the election.

22 (b) The order calling the election must:

23 (1) define the district boundaries to be the
24 boundaries of the City of Temple as the boundaries of the city are
25 adjusted from time to time by the city; and

26 (2) call for the election to be held within those
27 boundaries.

1 (c) The ballot at an election held under this section must
2 be printed to permit voting for or against the proposition set forth
3 below that was covered by the verified petition:

4 (1) "Authorizing the creation of the Temple Health and
5 Bioscience Economic Development District and the imposition of an
6 ad valorem tax not to exceed the rate of 15 cents per \$100 valuation
7 of all taxable property in the district.;

8 (2) "Authorizing the creation of the Temple Health and
9 Bioscience Economic Development District and the imposition of an
10 ad valorem tax not to exceed the rate of 15 cents per \$100 valuation
11 of all taxable property in the district and to issue bonds payable
12 in whole or in part from the ad valorem tax.;

13 (3) "Authorizing the creation of the Temple Health and
14 Bioscience Economic Development District.;

15 (4) "Authorizing the imposition of an ad valorem tax
16 not to exceed the rate of 15 cents per \$100 valuation of all taxable
17 property in the district.; or

18 (5) "Authorizing the imposition of an ad valorem tax
19 not to exceed the rate of 15 cents per \$100 valuation of all taxable
20 property in the district and to issue bonds payable in whole or in
21 part from the ad valorem tax."

22 (d) The district is created if a majority of the registered
23 voters of the proposed district voting at the election favor
24 creation. The district may impose an ad valorem tax not to exceed
25 the rate of 15 cents per \$100 valuation of all taxable property in
26 the district if a majority of the registered voters of the district
27 voting at the election favor its imposition. The district may issue

1 bonds payable wholly or partially from ad valorem taxes if a
2 majority of the registered voters of the district voting at the
3 election favor the authorization.

4 (e) If a majority of the registered voters of the proposed
5 district voting at the election to create the district vote against
6 creating the district, another election on the question of creating
7 the district may not be held before the first anniversary of the
8 date of the most recent election concerning the creation. If a
9 majority of the registered voters of the district voting at the
10 election to establish the power of the district to impose an ad
11 valorem tax vote against the power, another election on the
12 question may not be held before the first anniversary of the date of
13 the most recent election concerning the question. If a majority of
14 the registered voters of the district voting at the election to
15 authorize the district to issue bonds payable wholly or partially
16 from ad valorem taxes vote against the authorization, another
17 election on the question may not be held before the first
18 anniversary of the date of the most recent election concerning the
19 question.

20 (f) The City of Temple shall hold an election provided under
21 this section on the earliest of the uniform election dates under
22 Section 41.001, Election Code, to occur following the adoption of
23 the order calling the election by the city council.

24 SECTION 3.007. TEMPORARY BOARD. (a) After creation of the
25 district under Section 3.006(d), the city council by resolution
26 shall appoint seven directors to serve on a temporary board.

27 (b) In the resolution, the city council shall stagger the

1 terms of the directors appropriately so that four directors serve
2 until directors are elected under Section 4.003(1) and three
3 directors serve until directors are elected under Section 4.003(2).

4 ARTICLE 4. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

5 SECTION 4.001. GOVERNING BODY. The district is governed by
6 a board of seven directors elected as provided by this Act.

7 SECTION 4.002. TERMS. Except as provided by Section 3.007,
8 directors serve staggered three-year terms.

9 SECTION 4.003. DATE OF ELECTIONS. The district shall hold
10 board elections as follows:

11 (1) four directors must be elected on the regular
12 election day on which certain members of the city council and the
13 mayor of the City of Temple are elected; and

14 (2) three directors must be elected on the regular
15 election day on which the other members of the city council of the
16 City of Temple are elected.

17 SECTION 4.004. QUALIFICATIONS. A director:

18 (1) must be a registered voter of the City of Temple;
19 and

20 (2) may not be:
21 (A) an elected official; or
22 (B) employed by the district or the City of
23 Temple.

24 SECTION 4.005. BOARD VACANCY. A vacancy in the office of
25 director shall be filled by the remaining directors for the
26 unexpired term.

27 SECTION 4.006. DIRECTOR'S BOND; OATH. (a) As soon as

1 practicable after a director is elected or appointed, the director
2 shall execute a bond for \$10,000 payable to the district and
3 conditioned on the faithful performance of the director's duties.

4 (b) The bond must be approved by the board.

5 (c) Each director shall take the oath of office prescribed
6 by the constitution for public office.

7 (d) The bond and oath shall be filed with the district and
8 the district shall retain the bond and oath in its records.

9 SECTION 4.007. BOARD OFFICERS. (a) The board shall elect
10 from the board a presiding officer, a secretary, and any other
11 officers the board considers necessary.

12 (b) The board by resolution shall establish the powers and
13 duties of the officers, consistent with this Act.

14 SECTION 4.008. COMPENSATION; EXPENSES. A director serves
15 without compensation but is entitled to reimbursement for actual
16 and necessary expenses approved by the board.

17 SECTION 4.009. MEETINGS AND NOTICE. (a) The board may
18 establish regular meetings to conduct district business and may
19 hold special meetings at other times as necessary.

20 (b) The board shall provide the notice prepared under
21 Subchapter C, Chapter 551, Government Code, to the City of Temple's
22 secretary. In addition to the requirements imposed by that
23 subchapter on the district, the city shall post the notice at the
24 usual location at which notices of city council meetings are
25 posted.

26 SECTION 4.010. EMPLOYEES; PERSONS HIRED BY BOARD. (a) The
27 board shall employ any person the board considers necessary to

1 conduct district affairs, including:

- 2 (1) engineers;
- 3 (2) attorneys;
- 4 (3) financial advisors;
- 5 (4) economists;
- 6 (5) a general manager;
- 7 (6) a utility operator;
- 8 (7) bookkeepers;
- 9 (8) auditors; and
- 10 (9) clerical workers.

11 (b) The board by resolution shall determine the
12 compensation and terms of service of any person employed or hired by
13 the district.

14 (c) The board may remove any employee.

15 (d) The board may require an employee to execute a bond
16 payable to the district and conditioned on the faithful performance
17 of the person's duties.

18 ARTICLE 5. POWERS AND DUTIES

19 SECTION 5.001. GENERAL POWERS OF DISTRICT. The district
20 has all powers necessary or convenient to carry out and effect the
21 purposes and provisions of this Act.

22 SECTION 5.002. RULES. The board may adopt rules to govern
23 the district, including its operations, employees, and property.

24 SECTION 5.003. DISTRICT OFFICE. The board shall designate
25 and establish a district office in the City of Temple.

26 SECTION 5.004. PROPERTY. The district may exercise any
27 type of property right, including the power to acquire, sell, or

1 lease as lessee or lessor, regarding any type of property interest
2 in the district or for use in the district under terms and
3 conditions determined by the board.

4 SECTION 5.005. AGREEMENTS; GRANTS. The district may make
5 an agreement with or accept a gift, grant, or loan from any person
6 for any district purpose, including a contract to manage or
7 maintain a district project.

8 SECTION 5.006. COMPETITIVE BIDDING. (a) Except as
9 provided by Subsection (b), Section 375.221, Local Government Code,
10 applies to the district.

11 (b) Section 375.221, Local Government Code, does not apply
12 to a contract between the district and:

13 (1) another governmental entity;

14 (2) a nonprofit corporation, including a scientific
15 research corporation; or

16 (3) a corporation created under the Development
17 Corporation Act of 1979 (Article 5190.6, Vernon's Texas Civil
18 Statutes).

19 SECTION 5.007. RELATION TO OTHER LAW ON CONTRACTS. This Act
20 states the procedures necessary to award contracts and supersedes
21 any law or other requirement otherwise applicable to the district
22 regarding the award of contracts.

23 SECTION 5.008. FEES FOR USE OF DISTRICT IMPROVEMENTS. The
24 district may establish and maintain reasonable and
25 nondiscriminatory rates, fares, charges, rents, or other fees or
26 compensation for the use of the improvements constructed, operated,
27 or maintained by the district.

1 SECTION 5.009. PROGRAMS. (a) The district may establish
2 and provide for the administration of one or more programs to:

3 (1) promote state or local economic development; and

4 (2) stimulate business and commercial activity in the
5 district that relates to a project.

6 (b) As part of a program established under Subsection (a),
7 the district may:

8 (1) make loans or grants of public money for a public
9 purpose as provided by Section 52-a, Article III, Texas
10 Constitution; or

11 (2) provide district personnel and services for the
12 program.

13 (c) The district may contract with any person to administer
14 a program under this section.

15 SECTION 5.010. PROJECTS. (a) The district may establish
16 projects for:

17 (1) bioscience and health products, including
18 projects related to:

19 (A) research and development;

20 (B) invention and discovery;

21 (C) commercialization;

22 (D) production and manufacturing of goods and
23 products, including facilities for manufacturing; and

24 (E) development of production process and
25 delivery system purposes in, involved in, based on, or related to,
26 or intended to advance the state of knowledge, skill, and
27 understanding of, the biosciences, including:

- 1 (i) wet laboratories;
- 2 (ii) clean rooms;
- 3 (iii) dry laboratories;
- 4 (iv) research and development facilities;
- 5 (v) genetics facilities and equipment;
- 6 (vi) pharmaceutical facilities and
7 equipment;
- 8 (vii) biotechnology incubators;
- 9 (viii) bioscience and biotech health care
10 facilities;
- 11 (ix) biotech facilities;
- 12 (x) bioscience facilities; and
- 13 (xi) other similar projects;
- 14 (2) bioscience education, including health or biotech
15 education facilities regardless of any affiliation with other
16 institutions of higher, vocational, or job training education;
- 17 (3) access to public safety facilities and equipment;
- 18 (4) streets and roads;
- 19 (5) drainage services;
- 20 (6) wastewater services;
- 21 (7) potable water services;
- 22 (8) telecommunication facilities;
- 23 (9) demolition of existing structures;
- 24 (10) development and institution of water
25 conservation programs;
- 26 (11) chilled water services;
- 27 (12) steam services;

- 1 (13) industrial gases services;
- 2 (14) other utility and process and production
- 3 services; or
- 4 (15) the support of any other type of health or
- 5 bioscience projects.

6 (b) A project established under Subsection (a) must be

7 related to the bioscience or health purposes of the district.

8 SECTION 5.011. SUITS. (a) The district may sue and be

9 sued.

10 (b) Service of process in a suit may be made by serving any

11 two directors.

12 (c) The district may not be required to give security for

13 costs and may appeal from a judgment without giving a supersedeas or

14 cost bond.

15 SECTION 5.012. SEAL. The district may adopt a seal.

16 SECTION 5.013. NONPROFIT CORPORATION. (a) The board by

17 resolution may authorize the creation of a nonprofit corporation

18 under the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act (Article 1396-1.01 et

19 seq., Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), including creation of a

20 scientific corporation. The nonprofit corporation shall assist and

21 act on behalf of the district in implementing a project or providing

22 a service authorized by this Act.

23 (b) The board shall appoint the board of directors of a

24 nonprofit corporation. The board may appoint a director of the

25 district's board to serve as a director of the nonprofit

26 corporation. The board of directors of the nonprofit corporation

27 shall serve in the same manner as the board of directors of a local

1 government corporation created under Chapter 431, Transportation
2 Code.

3 (c) The nonprofit corporation:

4 (1) has the powers of and is considered for purposes of
5 this Act to be a local government corporation created under Chapter
6 431, Transportation Code; and

7 (2) may implement any project and provide any service
8 authorized by this Act.

9 ARTICLE 6. GENERAL FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

10 SECTION 6.001. USE OF DISTRICT MONEY. The district may use
11 district money for any district purpose, including to pay:

12 (1) for projects; and

13 (2) district bonds or other obligations.

14 SECTION 6.002. INVESTMENTS. (a) The district may invest
15 money it receives under this Act.

16 (b) The district may hire a person to invest district money
17 on terms the board considers advisable.

18 SECTION 6.003. DISBURSEMENTS OR TRANSFERS OF MONEY. The
19 board by resolution shall establish the number of directors'
20 signatures and the procedure required for a disbursement or
21 transfer of district money.

22 SECTION 6.004. DEPOSITORY INSTITUTION. The district may
23 designate financial institutions to serve as the depository bank or
24 banks for the district.

25 SECTION 6.005. ACCOUNTS; FISCAL YEAR. (a) The district
26 may establish an accounting system for the district for each year.

27 (b) The district may establish a fiscal year for the

1 district.

2 SECTION 6.006. PROJECT FUND. (a) The district by
3 resolution shall establish a project fund.

4 (b) The district may establish separate accounts within the
5 project fund.

6 (c) The district shall deposit into the project fund all
7 district money, including:

8 (1) the proceeds from any ad valorem tax imposed by the
9 district;

10 (2) all revenue from the sale of district bonds or
11 other obligations; and

12 (3) any other money acquired or received by the
13 district.

14 SECTION 6.007. AUDIT. (a) The district shall contract
15 with an independent certified public accountant or a certified
16 public accounting firm to audit the district's affairs annually,
17 including the district's financial records. The contract must be a
18 written contract.

19 (b) The district shall make the audit available for
20 inspection by the public and the City of Temple.

21 SECTION 6.008. ASSESSMENTS. The district may impose an
22 assessment on property in the district, including a leasehold
23 interest, by agreement with the property owner.

24 SECTION 6.009. LIABILITIES. The district may incur
25 liabilities, including those incurred by:

26 (1) borrowing money on terms and conditions the board
27 determines; and

1 (2) issuing bonds or other obligations under Section
2 6.010.

3 SECTION 6.010. BONDS AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS. (a) The
4 district may issue bonds, including revenue bonds, or other
5 obligations to pay the costs of a project in the district.

6 (b) In exercising the district's borrowing power, the
7 district may issue a bond or other obligation in the form of a bond,
8 note, certificate of participation or other instrument evidencing a
9 proportionate interest in payments to be made by the district, or
10 other type of obligation.

11 ARTICLE 7. AD VALOREM TAX

12 SECTION 7.001. IMPOSITION OF AD VALOREM TAX. If authorized
13 at an election held under Section 3.006, the district:

14 (1) may by order impose an annual ad valorem tax on
15 taxable property in the district to pay for projects; and

16 (2) shall by order impose an ad valorem tax to pay for
17 bonds that are payable wholly or partly from ad valorem taxes.

18 SECTION 7.002. TAX RATE. (a) The board shall determine
19 the tax rate.

20 (b) The tax rate may not exceed 15 cents per each \$100 of
21 assessed valuation of taxable property in the district.

22 SECTION 7.003. TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR. The board may:

23 (1) appoint a district tax assessor-collector; or

24 (2) contract for the assessment and collection of
25 taxes as provided by the Tax Code.

26 ARTICLE 8. DISSOLUTION OF DISTRICT

27 SECTION 8.001. DISSOLUTION OF DISTRICT. The district may

1 be dissolved only as provided by this article.

2 SECTION 8.002. DISSOLUTION BY ORDER OF CITY COUNCIL.

3 (a) The board may petition the city council to dissolve the
4 district if the board finds that the district:

5 (1) has not issued bonds or other obligations under
6 Section 6.010 and that the purposes of the district are
7 impracticable, or reasonably and economically cannot be successful
8 or accomplished; or

9 (2) has paid, or otherwise provided for payment of,
10 all bonds and other obligations issued under Section 6.010 and that
11 the purposes of the district have been accomplished.

12 (b) On receipt of a petition under Subsection (a), the city
13 council shall hold a public hearing to determine whether the
14 dissolution of the district serves the best interests of the City of
15 Temple and the residents of the city.

16 (c) After the hearing, the city council shall:

17 (1) enter in its records the appropriate findings and
18 order dissolving of the district if the city council unanimously
19 determines that the best interests of the City of Temple and the
20 residents of the city will be served by dissolving the district; or

21 (2) enter its order providing that the district has
22 not been dissolved if the city council does not unanimously
23 determine that the best interests of the City of Temple and the
24 residents of the city will be served by dissolving the district.

25 (d) On dissolution of the district under this section:

26 (1) all money and other property of the district is
27 transferred to the City of Temple; and

1 (2) the City of Temple shall assume any remaining
2 contracts or other obligations of the district.

3 SECTION 8.003. DISSOLUTION OF DISTRICT ON AGREEMENT WITH
4 CITY. (a) The district may be dissolved by agreement between the
5 city council and the board.

6 (b) On dissolution of the district under this section:

7 (1) all money and other property of the district is
8 transferred to the City of Temple; and

9 (2) the City of Temple shall assume the district's
10 responsibilities regarding all district contracts, debts, bonds,
11 and other obligations.

12 SECTION 8.004. EFFECT OF DISSOLUTION ON TAXES. On
13 dissolution of the district, any taxes imposed by the district are
14 abolished.

15 ARTICLE 9. EFFECTIVE DATE

16 SECTION 9.001. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect
17 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members
18 elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas
19 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for
20 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2003.