

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the power and duties of the Galveston County Municipal
3 Utility District No. 52.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subtitle F, Title 6, Special District Local Laws
6 Code, is amended by adding Chapter 8148 to read as follows:

7 CHAPTER 8148. GALVESTON COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT

8 NO. 52

9 SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

10 Sec. 8148.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

11 (1) "Board" means the board of directors of the
12 district.

13 (2) "Director" means a member of the board.

14 (3) "District" means the Galveston County Municipal
15 Utility District No. 52.

16 Sec. 8148.002. FINDINGS OF BENEFIT AND PUBLIC PURPOSE.

17 (a) All land and other property included in the district will
18 benefit from the works and projects to be provided by the district
19 under powers conferred by Section 59, Article XVI, Texas
20 Constitution.

21 (b) The district exists to accomplish:

22 (1) the same purposes as a municipal utility district
23 as provided by Section 54.012, Water Code;

24 (2) the same purposes as a navigation district created

1 under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, and operating
2 under Chapters 60 and 62, Water Code; and

3 (3) to the extent authorized by Section 52, Article
4 III, Texas Constitution, the construction, acquisition,
5 improvement, maintenance, or operation of macadamized, graveled,
6 or paved roads or turnpikes, or improvements in aid of those roads
7 or turnpikes, inside the district.

8 [Sections 8148.003-8148.050 reserved for expansion]

9 SUBCHAPTER B. POWERS AND DUTIES

10 Sec. 8148.051. MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT POWERS AND
11 DUTIES. The district has the powers and duties provided by the
12 general law of this state, including Chapters 49 and 54, Water Code,
13 applicable to municipal utility districts created under Section 59,
14 Article XVI, Texas Constitution.

15 Sec. 8148.052. NAVIGATION POWERS. The district may
16 purchase, construct, acquire, own, operate, maintain, improve, or
17 extend, inside and outside the district, canals, waterways,
18 bulkheads, docks, and any other improvements or facilities
19 necessary or convenient to accomplish the navigation purposes of
20 the district authorized by Section 59, Article XVI, Texas
21 Constitution.

22 Sec. 8148.053. ROAD PROJECTS. (a) The district may
23 construct, acquire, improve, maintain, or operate macadamized,
24 graveled, or paved roads or turnpikes, or improvements in aid of
25 those roads or turnpikes, inside the district.

26 (b) A road project must meet all applicable construction
27 standards, zoning and subdivision requirements, and regulatory

1 ordinances of the municipality or county in whose jurisdiction the
2 district is located.

3 (c) The district may not undertake a road project unless
4 each municipality or county in whose jurisdiction the district is
5 located consents by ordinance or resolution.

6 Sec. 8148.054. COMPLIANCE WITH MUNICIPAL CONSENT
7 ORDINANCES OR RESOLUTIONS. Subject to the limitations of Section
8 54.016, Water Code, the district shall comply with all applicable
9 requirements of any ordinance or resolution adopted by the city
10 council of the City of Texas City that consents to the creation of
11 the district or to the inclusion of lands within the district.

12 Sec. 8148.055. LIMITATION ON USE OF EMINENT DOMAIN. The
13 district may exercise the power of eminent domain outside the
14 district only to acquire an easement necessary for underground
15 water, sewage, or drainage facilities that serve the district.

16 [Sections 8148.056-8148.100 reserved for expansion]

17 SUBCHAPTER C. BONDS

18 Sec. 8148.101. AUTHORITY TO ISSUE BONDS AND OTHER
19 OBLIGATIONS. (a) The district may issue bonds or other
20 obligations as provided by Chapters 49 and 54, Water Code, to
21 finance the construction, maintenance, or operation of projects
22 under Section 8148.053.

23 (b) The district may not issue bonds to finance projects
24 authorized by Section 8148.053 unless the issuance is approved by a
25 vote of a two-thirds majority of the voters of the district voting
26 at an election called for that purpose.

27 (c) Bonds or other obligations issued or incurred to finance

1 projects authorized by Section 8148.053 may not exceed one-fourth
2 of the assessed value of the real property in the district.

3 (d) Sections 49.181 and 49.182, Water Code, do not apply to
4 a project undertaken by the district under Section 8148.053 or to
5 bonds issued by the district to finance the project.

6 SECTION 2. (a) The legal notice of the intention to
7 introduce this Act, setting forth the general substance of this
8 Act, has been published as provided by law, and the notice and a
9 copy of this Act have been furnished to all persons, agencies,
10 officials, or entities to which they are required to be furnished
11 under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, and Chapter 313,
12 Government Code.

13 (b) The governor, one of the required recipients, has
14 submitted the notice and Act to the Texas Commission on
15 Environmental Quality.

16 (c) The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has filed
17 its recommendations relating to this Act with the governor, the
18 lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of
19 representatives within the required time.

20 (d) All requirements of the constitution and laws of this
21 state and the rules and procedures of the legislature with respect
22 to the notice, introduction, and passage of this Act are fulfilled
23 and accomplished.

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

1 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1807 passed the Senate on May 10, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 27, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1807 passed the House, with amendment, on May 25, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor