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H.B. No. 2444

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the powers of the Southmost Regional Water Authority.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 511, Acts of the 67th Legislature, Regular Session, 1981, is amended by adding Section 7A to read as follows:

Sec. 7A. (a) The authority is authorized to purchase, construct, acquire, own, lease, operate, maintain, repair, improve, and extend inside its boundaries, at any location whatsoever, in the sole discretion of the authority, land and interest in land, any and all works, improvements, facilities, plants, equipment, and appliances incident, helpful, or necessary to provide for the collection, transportation, processing, disposal, and control of all domestic, industrial, or communal wastes, whether fluids, solids, or composites.

(b) The authority shall have the authority to perform any act consistent with the powers granted under Subsection (a) of this section, including the authority to contract with any person or public or private entity in the performance of a purpose or power granted by this section. To accomplish the purposes of this section, the authority has all the powers and rights of procedure, financing, construction, maintenance, rehabilitation, operation, rulemaking, and administration conferred by Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, this Act, and Chapters 49 and 51, Water

1 Code.

2 SECTION 2. (a) The proper and legal notice of the intention  
3 to introduce this Act, setting out the general substance of this  
4 Act, has been published as provided by law, and the notice and a  
5 copy of this Act have been furnished to all persons, agencies,  
6 officials, or entities to which they are required to be furnished by  
7 the constitution and other laws of this state, including the  
8 governor, who has submitted the notice and this Act to the Texas  
9 Commission on Environmental Quality.

10 (b) The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has filed  
11 its recommendations relating to this Act with the governor,  
12 lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house of representatives  
13 within the required time.

14 (c) All requirements of the constitution and laws of this  
15 state and the rules and procedures of the legislature with respect  
16 to notice, introduction, and passage of this Act are fulfilled and  
17 accomplished.

18 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
19 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
20 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
21 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
22 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.