

1-1 By: Oliveira (Senate Sponsor - Lucio) H.B. No. 2444  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 7, 2007;  
1-3 May 8, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on Natural  
1-4 Resources; May 16, 2007, reported favorably by the following vote:  
1-5 Yeas 10, Nays 0; May 16, 2007, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the powers of the Southmost Regional Water Authority.

1-9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-10 SECTION 1. Chapter 511, Acts of the 67th Legislature,  
1-11 Regular Session, 1981, is amended by adding Section 7A to read as  
1-12 follows:

1-13 Sec. 7A. (a) The authority is authorized to purchase,  
1-14 construct, acquire, own, lease, operate, maintain, repair,  
1-15 improve, and extend inside its boundaries, at any location  
1-16 whatsoever, in the sole discretion of the authority, land and  
1-17 interest in land, any and all works, improvements, facilities,  
1-18 plants, equipment, and appliances incident, helpful, or necessary  
1-19 to provide for the collection, transportation, processing,  
1-20 disposal, and control of all domestic, industrial, or communal  
1-21 wastes, whether fluids, solids, or composites.

1-22 (b) The authority shall have the authority to perform any  
1-23 act consistent with the powers granted under Subsection (a) of this  
1-24 section, including the authority to contract with any person or  
1-25 public or private entity in the performance of a purpose or power  
1-26 granted by this section. To accomplish the purposes of this  
1-27 section, the authority has all the powers and rights of procedure,  
1-28 financing, construction, maintenance, rehabilitation, operation,  
1-29 rulemaking, and administration conferred by Section 59, Article  
1-30 XVI, Texas Constitution, this Act, and Chapters 49 and 51, Water  
1-31 Code.

1-32 SECTION 2. (a) The proper and legal notice of the intention  
1-33 to introduce this Act, setting out the general substance of this  
1-34 Act, has been published as provided by law, and the notice and a  
1-35 copy of this Act have been furnished to all persons, agencies,  
1-36 officials, or entities to which they are required to be furnished by  
1-37 the constitution and other laws of this state, including the  
1-38 governor, who has submitted the notice and this Act to the Texas  
1-39 Commission on Environmental Quality.

1-40 (b) The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has filed  
1-41 its recommendations relating to this Act with the governor,  
1-42 lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house of representatives  
1-43 within the required time.

1-44 (c) All requirements of the constitution and laws of this  
1-45 state and the rules and procedures of the legislature with respect  
1-46 to notice, introduction, and passage of this Act are fulfilled and  
1-47 accomplished.

1-48 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-49 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-50 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-51 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-52 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

1-53 \* \* \* \* \*