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H.B. No. 3980

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the navigation district powers and the confirmation of  
3 the Galveston County Municipal Utility District No. 67; providing  
4 authority to issue bonds.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 8151.003, Special District Local Laws  
7 Code, is amended to read as follows:

8 Sec. 8151.003. CONFIRMATION ELECTION REQUIRED. If the  
9 creation of the district is not confirmed at a confirmation  
10 election held under Section 8151.023 before September 1, 2009  
11 [~~2007~~]:

12 (1) the district is dissolved September 1, 2009  
13 [~~2007~~], except that:

14 (A) any debts incurred shall be paid;

15 (B) any assets that remain after the payment of  
16 debts shall be transferred to Galveston County; and

17 (C) the organization of the district shall be  
18 maintained until all debts are paid and remaining assets are  
19 transferred; and

20 (2) this chapter expires September 1, 2011 [~~2010~~].

21 SECTION 2. Section 8151.025, Special District Local Laws  
22 Code, is amended to read as follows:

23 Sec. 8151.025. EXPIRATION OF SUBCHAPTER. This subchapter  
24 expires September 1, 2011 [~~2010~~].

1 SECTION 3. Subchapter C, Chapter 8151, Special District  
2 Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Section 8151.106 to read as  
3 follows:

4 Sec. 8151.106. NAVIGATION DISTRICT POWERS. The district  
5 may purchase, construct, acquire, own, operate, maintain, improve,  
6 or extend, inside or outside the district, a canal, waterway,  
7 bulkhead, dock, or other improvement necessary or convenient to  
8 accomplish the purposes of a navigation district under Chapters 60  
9 and 62, Water Code, and Section 59, Article XVI, Texas  
10 Constitution.

11 SECTION 4. Section 8151.201(a), Special District Local Laws  
12 Code, is amended to read as follows:

13 (a) The district may issue bonds or other obligations as  
14 provided by Chapters 49 and 54, Water Code, payable wholly or partly  
15 from ad valorem taxes, impact fees, revenue, grants, or other  
16 district money, to finance any district purpose [~~the construction,~~  
17 ~~maintenance, or operation of projects under Sections 8151.101 and~~  
18 ~~8151.102~~].

19 SECTION 5. (a) The legal notice of the intention to  
20 introduce this Act, setting forth the general substance of this  
21 Act, has been published as provided by law, and the notice and a  
22 copy of this Act have been furnished to all persons, agencies,  
23 officials, or entities to which they are required to be furnished  
24 under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, and Chapter 313,  
25 Government Code.

26 (b) The governor, one of the required recipients, has  
27 submitted the notice and Act to the Texas Commission on

1 Environmental Quality.

2 (c) The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has filed  
3 its recommendations relating to this Act with the governor, the  
4 lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of  
5 representatives within the required time.

6 (d) All requirements of the constitution and laws of this  
7 state and the rules and procedures of the legislature with respect  
8 to the notice, introduction, and passage of this Act are fulfilled  
9 and accomplished.

10 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
11 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
12 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
13 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
14 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.