

1-1 By: Eiland (Senate Sponsor - Jackson) H.B. No. 3980  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 10, 2007;  
1-3 May 14, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on Natural  
1-4 Resources; May 18, 2007, reported favorably by the following vote:  
1-5 Yeas 11, Nays 0; May 18, 2007, sent to printer.)

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

1-8 relating to the navigation district powers and the confirmation of  
1-9 the Galveston County Municipal Utility District No. 67; providing  
1-10 authority to issue bonds.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Section 8151.003, Special District Local Laws  
1-13 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-14 Sec. 8151.003. CONFIRMATION ELECTION REQUIRED. If the  
1-15 creation of the district is not confirmed at a confirmation  
1-16 election held under Section 8151.023 before September 1, 2009  
1-17 [~~2007~~]:

1-18 (1) the district is dissolved September 1, 2009  
1-19 [~~2007~~], except that:

1-20 (A) any debts incurred shall be paid;

1-21 (B) any assets that remain after the payment of  
1-22 debts shall be transferred to Galveston County; and

1-23 (C) the organization of the district shall be  
1-24 maintained until all debts are paid and remaining assets are  
1-25 transferred; and

1-26 (2) this chapter expires September 1, 2011 [~~2010~~].

1-27 SECTION 2. Section 8151.025, Special District Local Laws  
1-28 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-29 Sec. 8151.025. EXPIRATION OF SUBCHAPTER. This subchapter  
1-30 expires September 1, 2011 [~~2010~~].

1-31 SECTION 3. Subchapter C, Chapter 8151, Special District  
1-32 Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Section 8151.106 to read as  
1-33 follows:

1-34 Sec. 8151.106. NAVIGATION DISTRICT POWERS. The district  
1-35 may purchase, construct, acquire, own, operate, maintain, improve,  
1-36 or extend, inside or outside the district, a canal, waterway,  
1-37 bulkhead, dock, or other improvement necessary or convenient to  
1-38 accomplish the purposes of a navigation district under Chapters 60  
1-39 and 62, Water Code, and Section 59, Article XVI, Texas  
1-40 Constitution.

1-41 SECTION 4. Section 8151.201(a), Special District Local Laws  
1-42 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-43 (a) The district may issue bonds or other obligations as  
1-44 provided by Chapters 49 and 54, Water Code, payable wholly or partly  
1-45 from ad valorem taxes, impact fees, revenue, grants, or other  
1-46 district money, to finance any district purpose [~~the construction,~~  
1-47 ~~maintenance, or operation of projects under Sections 8151.101 and~~  
1-48 ~~8151.102~~].

1-49 SECTION 5. (a) The legal notice of the intention to  
1-50 introduce this Act, setting forth the general substance of this  
1-51 Act, has been published as provided by law, and the notice and a  
1-52 copy of this Act have been furnished to all persons, agencies,  
1-53 officials, or entities to which they are required to be furnished  
1-54 under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, and Chapter 313,  
1-55 Government Code.

1-56 (b) The governor, one of the required recipients, has  
1-57 submitted the notice and Act to the Texas Commission on  
1-58 Environmental Quality.

1-59 (c) The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has filed  
1-60 its recommendations relating to this Act with the governor, the  
1-61 lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of  
1-62 representatives within the required time.

1-63 (d) All requirements of the constitution and laws of this  
1-64 state and the rules and procedures of the legislature with respect

2-1 to the notice, introduction, and passage of this Act are fulfilled  
2-2 and accomplished.

2-3 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
2-4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
2-5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
2-6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
2-7 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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