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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the creation of the Waller County Municipal Utility District No. 3; providing authority to impose a tax and issue bonds; granting the power of eminent domain.

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

SECTION 1. Subtitle F, Title 6, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Chapter 8237 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 8237. WALLER COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 3

SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 8237.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

(1) "Board" means the district's board of directors.

(2) "Director" means a board member.

(3) "District" means the Waller County Municipal Utility District No. 3.

Sec. 8237.002. NATURE OF DISTRICT. (a) The district is a municipal utility district created under and essential to accomplish the purposes of Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution.

(b) The district, to the extent authorized by Section 8237.103 and Section 52, Article III, Texas Constitution, has road powers.

Sec. 8237.003. CONFIRMATION ELECTION REQUIRED. The board shall hold an election to confirm the creation of the district as provided by Section 49.102, Water Code.

1       Sec. 8237.004. FINDINGS OF BENEFIT AND PUBLIC PURPOSE. All  
2 land and other property in the district will benefit from the  
3 improvements and services to be provided by the district.

4       Sec. 8237.005. INITIAL DISTRICT TERRITORY. (a) The  
5 district is initially composed of the territory described by  
6 Section 2 of the Act creating this chapter.

7       (b) The boundaries and field notes contained in Section 2 of  
8 the Act creating this chapter form a closure. A mistake in the  
9 field notes or in copying the field notes in the legislative process  
10 does not affect the district's:

11           (1) organization, existence, or validity;

12           (2) right to issue any type of bond for a purpose for  
13 which the district is created or to pay the principal of and  
14 interest on the bond;

15           (3) right to impose an assessment or tax; or

16           (4) legality or operation.

17       [Sections 8237.006-8237.050 reserved for expansion]

18                   SUBCHAPTER B. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

19       Sec. 8237.051. GOVERNING BODY; TERMS. (a) The district is  
20 governed by a board of five elected directors.

21       (b) Directors serve staggered four-year terms.

22       Sec. 8237.052. INITIAL DIRECTORS. (a) The initial board  
23 consists of:

24           (1) \_\_\_\_\_;

25           (2) \_\_\_\_\_;

26           (3) \_\_\_\_\_;

27           (4) \_\_\_\_\_; and

1           (5) \_\_\_\_\_.

2           (b) Unless the initial board agrees otherwise, the initial  
3 directors shall draw lots to determine which two shall serve until  
4 the first regularly scheduled election of directors and which three  
5 shall serve until the second regularly scheduled election of  
6 directors.

7           (c) This section expires September 1, 2014.

8           [Sections 8237.053-8237.100 reserved for expansion]

9                           SUBCHAPTER C. POWERS AND DUTIES

10           Sec. 8237.101. GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES. The district has  
11 the powers and duties necessary to accomplish the purposes for  
12 which the district is created.

13           Sec. 8237.102. MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT POWERS AND  
14 DUTIES. The district has the powers and duties provided by the  
15 general law of this state, including Chapters 49 and 54, Water Code,  
16 applicable to municipal utility districts created under Section 59,  
17 Article XVI, Texas Constitution.

18           Sec. 8237.103. ROAD PROJECTS. (a) Under Section 52,  
19 Article III, Texas Constitution, the district may finance,  
20 construct, or acquire a road project as provided by this section.

21           (b) The district shall employ or contract with a licensed  
22 engineer to certify whether a proposed road project meets the  
23 criteria for a thoroughfare, arterial, or collector road of:

24                   (1) a county in whose jurisdiction the proposed road  
25 project is located; or

26                   (2) a municipality in whose corporate limits or  
27 extraterritorial jurisdiction the proposed road project is

1 located.

2 (c) The district may finance, construct, or acquire a road  
3 that has been certified by the licensed engineer as a thoroughfare,  
4 arterial, or collector road, or any improvements in aid of the  
5 certified road.

6 (d) A road project must meet all applicable standards,  
7 regulations, ordinances, or orders of:

8 (1) each municipality in whose corporate limits or  
9 extraterritorial jurisdiction the road project is located; and

10 (2) if the road project is not located in the corporate  
11 limits of a municipality, each county in which the road project is  
12 located.

13 (e) The district may, with the consent of the municipality  
14 or county, convey a completed road project to:

15 (1) a municipality in whose corporate limits or  
16 extraterritorial jurisdiction the road project is located; or

17 (2) a county in which the road project is located.

18 Sec. 8237.104. COMPLIANCE WITH MUNICIPAL CONSENT ORDINANCE  
19 OR RESOLUTION. The district shall comply with all applicable  
20 requirements of any ordinance or resolution, adopted by the  
21 governing body of a municipality under Section 54.016, Water Code,  
22 that consents to the creation of the district or to the inclusion of  
23 land in the district.

24 [Sections 8237.105-8237.150 reserved for expansion]

25 SUBCHAPTER D. GENERAL FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

26 Sec. 8237.151. ELECTIONS REGARDING TAXES OR BONDS. (a) The  
27 district may issue, without an election, bonds and other

1 obligations secured by revenue or contract payments from a source  
2 other than ad valorem taxation.

3 (b) The district must hold an election in the manner  
4 provided by Chapters 49 and 54, Water Code, to obtain voter approval  
5 before the district may impose an ad valorem tax or issue bonds  
6 payable from ad valorem taxes.

7 (c) The district may not issue bonds payable from ad valorem  
8 taxes to finance a road project unless the issuance is approved by a  
9 vote of a two-thirds majority of district voters voting at an  
10 election held for that purpose.

11 Sec. 8237.152. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE TAX. (a) If  
12 authorized at an election held under Section 8237.151, the district  
13 may impose an operation and maintenance tax on taxable property in  
14 the district as provided by Section 49.107, Water Code.

15 (b) The board shall determine the tax rate. The rate may not  
16 exceed the rate approved at the election.

17 [Sections 8237.153-8237.200 reserved for expansion]

18 SUBCHAPTER E. BONDS

19 Sec. 8237.201. AUTHORITY TO ISSUE BONDS AND OTHER  
20 OBLIGATIONS. The district may issue bonds or other obligations  
21 payable wholly or partly from ad valorem taxes, impact fees,  
22 revenue, grants, or other district money, or any combination of  
23 those sources, to pay for any authorized district purpose.

24 Sec. 8237.202. BONDS FOR ROAD PROJECTS. At the time of  
25 issuance, the total principal amount of a bond, note, or other  
26 obligation issued or incurred to finance a road project may not  
27 exceed one-fourth of the assessed value of real property in the

1 district according to the most recent certified tax appraisal roll  
2 for Waller County.

3 Sec. 8237.203. TAXES FOR BONDS AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS. At  
4 the time bonds or other obligations payable wholly or partly from ad  
5 valorem taxes are issued:

6 (1) the board shall impose a continuing direct annual  
7 ad valorem tax, without limit as to rate or amount, for each year  
8 that all or part of the bonds are outstanding; and

9 (2) the district annually shall impose an ad valorem  
10 tax on all taxable property in the district in an amount sufficient  
11 to:

12 (A) pay the interest on the bonds or other  
13 obligations as the interest becomes due;

14 (B) create a sinking fund for the payment of the  
15 principal of the bonds or other obligations when due or the  
16 redemption price at any earlier required redemption date; and

17 (C) pay the expenses of imposing the taxes.

18 SECTION 2. The Waller County Municipal Utility District No.  
19 3 initially includes all the territory contained in the following  
20 area:

21 Being a 350.342-acre (15,260,917 square foot) tract of land  
22 situated in the H.H. Pennington Survey, A-321, the H. &T.C.R.R.  
23 Survey, Section 73, A-154, and the Nathan Brookshire Survey, A-16,  
24 Waller County, Texas, being out of Outlots 17, 18, 19 and 20 of the  
25 Brookshire Outlets as recorded in Volume 14, Page 380 of the Waller  
26 County Deed Records, being out of a 19.6105-acre tract of land  
27 recorded in Volume 250, Page 128 of the Waller County Deed Records,

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1 being out of a 47.116-acre tract of land recorded in Volume 243,  
2 Page 606 of the Waller County Deed Records, being out of a  
3 4.8152-acre tract of land recorded in Volume 277, Page 795 of the  
4 Waller County Deed Records, being out of a 93.675-acre tract of land  
5 recorded in Volume 240, Page 93 of the Waller County Deed Records,  
6 being out of a 24.1408-acre tract of land recorded in Volume 250,  
7 Page 9 of the Waller County Deed Records, being out of a 50-acre  
8 tract of land recorded in Volume 338, Page 791 of the Waller County  
9 Deed Records, being out of a 50-acre tract of land recorded in  
10 Volume 338, Page 796 of the Waller County Deed Records, and being  
11 out of a 26.309-acre tract of land recorded in Volume 242, Page 492  
12 of the Waller County Deed Records and being more particularly  
13 described by metes and bounds as follows:

14 BEGINNING at the point-of-intersection of the centerline of  
15 Brookshire Creek with the southerly right-of-way line of Interstate  
16 Highway No. 10 (width varies) for the northeasterly corner of said  
17 26.309-acre tract and for the northeasterly corner of this tract;

18 THENCE South 21° 33' 40" West, a distance of 544.92 feet with the  
19 centerline of said Brookshire Creek to an angle point of this tract;

20 THENCE South 24° 59' 22" West, a distance of 575.40 feet with the  
21 centerline of said Brookshire Creek to an angle point of this tract;

22 THENCE South 11° 25' 18" West, a distance of 256.84 feet with the  
23 centerline of said Brookshire Creek to an angle point of this tract;

24 THENCE South 02° 44' 07" West, a distance of 747.11 feet with the  
25 centerline of said Brookshire Creek to an angle point of this tract;

26 THENCE South 15° 15' 56" West, a distance of 518.79 feet with the  
27 centerline of said Brookshire Creek to an angle point of this tract;

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1 THENCE South 02° 48' 28" East, a distance of 364.81 feet with the  
2 centerline of said Brookshire Creek to an angle point of this tract;  
3 THENCE South 35° 26' 22" West, a distance of 429.10 feet with the  
4 centerline of said Brookshire Creek to an angle point of this tract;  
5 THENCE South 22° 29' 32" West, a distance of 187.70 feet with the  
6 centerline of said Brookshire Creek to an angle point of this tract;  
7 THENCE South 07° 43' 32" West, a distance of 821.92 feet with the  
8 centerline of said Brookshire Creek to an angle point of this tract;  
9 THENCE South 13° 39' 28" East, a distance of 424.80 feet with the  
10 centerline of said Brookshire Creek to an angle point of this tract;  
11 THENCE South 09° 09' 28" West, a distance of 308.36 feet with the  
12 centerline of said Brookshire Creek to a point for the  
13 southeasterly corner of this tract;  
14 THENCE South 87° 24' 31" West, a distance of 1,562.15 feet with the  
15 northerly line of a 51.4349-acre tract of land conveyed to Ferrin B.  
16 Moreland, et ux, as recorded in Volume 425, Page 448 of the Waller  
17 County Deed Records to a 1-1/2-inch iron pipe found for an angle  
18 point of this tract;  
19 THENCE South 87° 41' 43" West, a distance of 2,035.93 feet with the  
20 northerly line of said 51.4349-acre tract to a 1-1/2-inch iron pipe  
21 found in the easterly right-of-way line of F.M. Road No. 359 (100  
22 feet wide) for the southwesterly corner of said 93.675-acre tract  
23 and for the southwesterly corner of this tract;  
24 THENCE North 02° 23' 35" West, a distance of 31.29 feet with the  
25 easterly right-of-way line of said F.M. Road No. 359 to a 5/8-inch  
26 iron rod with cap stamped "Weisser Eng. Houston, Tx. " set for an  
27 angle point of this tract;

1 THENCE North 02° 54' 35" West, a distance of 982.52 feet with the  
2 easterly right-of-way line of said F.M. Road No. 359 to a 5/8-inch  
3 iron rod with cap stamped "Weisser Eng. Houston, Tx." set for an  
4 angle point of this tract;

5 THENCE North 03° 34' 35" West, a distance of 660.84 feet with the  
6 easterly right-of-way line of said F.M. Road No. 359 to a 5/8-inch  
7 iron rod with cap stamped "Weisser Eng. Houston, Tx." set for a  
8 northwesterly corner of this tract, from which a 1/2-inch iron rod  
9 found bears North 87° 03' 23" East, a distance of 0.77 feet;

10 THENCE North 87° 03' 23" East, a distance of 296.08 feet with the  
11 southerly line of a 1.000-acre tract of land conveyed to Harold E.  
12 Brown and Ester M. Brown as recorded in Volume 663, Page 520 of the  
13 Waller County Deed Records to a 1/2-inch iron rod found for an  
14 interior corner of this tract;

15 THENCE North 03° 38' 37" West, a distance of 147.60 feet with the  
16 easterly line of said 1.000-acre tract to a 1/2-inch iron rod found  
17 for an interior corner of this tract;

18 THENCE South 87° 03' 23" West, a distance of 295.91 feet with the  
19 northerly line of said 1.000-acre tract to a 5/8-inch iron rod with  
20 cap stamped "Weisser Eng. Houston, Tx." set in the easterly  
21 right-of-way line of said F.M. Road No. 359 for a southwesterly  
22 corner of this tract, from which a 1-inch iron pipe found bears  
23 North 71° 32' 54" East, a distance of 0.58 feet;

24 THENCE North 03° 34' 35" West, a distance of 1,048.35 feet with the  
25 easterly right-of-way line of said F.M. Road No. 359 to a 5/8-inch  
26 iron rod with cap stamped "Weisser Eng. Houston, Tx." set for an  
27 angle point of this tract, from which a 1/2-inch iron pipe found

1 bears North 38° 40' 18" West, a distance of 0.84 feet;  
2 THENCE North 87° 18' 18" East, a distance of 1,465.66 feet with the  
3 southerly line of a 3.1323-acre tract of land conveyed to Jessye  
4 Davis Spencer as recorded in Volume 577, Page 183 of the Waller  
5 County Deed Records, with the southerly line of a 1-acre tract of  
6 land conveyed to the City of Brookshire as recorded in Volume 602,  
7 Page 556 and described in Volume 275, Page 435 of the Waller County  
8 Deed Records, with the southerly line of the Mrs. I. Soloman tract  
9 of land recorded in Volume 96, Page 22 of the Waller County Deed  
10 Records, with the southerly line of a 1-acre tract of land conveyed  
11 to Nelson Shelton, et ux, as recorded in Volume 156, Page 119 of the  
12 Waller County Deed Records, and with the southerly line of a  
13 0.6878-acre tract of land conveyed to Annie Shelton as recorded in  
14 Volume 233, Page 394 of the Waller County Deed Records to a 5/8-inch  
15 iron rod found for the southwesterly corner of said 4.8152-acre  
16 tract and for an interior corner of this tract;  
17 THENCE North 02° 44' 02" West, a distance of 909.39 feet with the  
18 easterly line of said 0.6878-acre tract to a 5/8-inch iron rod with  
19 cap stamped "Weisser Eng. Houston, Tx." set in the southerly  
20 right-of-way line of Twelfth Street (40 feet wide as occupied) for a  
21 northwesterly corner of this tract;  
22 THENCE North 88° 16' 35" East, a distance of 228.87 feet with the  
23 southerly right-of-way line of said Twelfth Street to a 5/8-inch  
24 iron rod with cap stamped "Weisser Eng. Houston, Tx." set for a  
25 northeasterly corner of this tract;  
26 THENCE South 03° 08' 25" East, a distance of 905.54 feet with the  
27 westerly line of the Sam Hill Estate tract of land (per the Waller

1 County tax rolls, no deed was found for this tract) to a 5/8-inch  
2 iron rod with cap stamped "Weisser Eng. Houston, Tx." set for an  
3 interior corner of this tract;

4 THENCE North 87° 18' 18" East, a distance of 240.25 feet with the  
5 southerly line of said Sam Hill Estate tract to a 5/8-inch iron rod  
6 with cap stamped "Weisser Eng. Houston, Tx." set for an interior  
7 corner of this tract;

8 THENCE North 02° 19' 50" West, a distance of 472.63 feet with the  
9 easterly line of said Sam Hill Estate tract to a 1-1/2-inch iron  
10 pipe found for a northwesterly corner of this tract;

11 THENCE North 88° 22' 33" East, a distance of 822.46 feet with the  
12 southerly line of Maud Malone, et al, 1-acre tract as recorded in  
13 Volume 100, page 391 of the Waller County Deed Records, with the  
14 southerly line of the Robert Rogers, et ux, 1.012-acre tract as  
15 recorded in Volume 301, Page 690 of the Waller County Deed Records  
16 and with the southerly line of a 1.012-acre tract of land as  
17 recorded in Volume 202, Page 54 of the Waller County Deed Records to  
18 a 1-1/2-inch iron pipe found for an interior corner of this tract;

19 THENCE North 00° 07' 40" East, a distance of 209.56 feet with the  
20 easterly line of said 1.012-acre tract to a 1-1/2-inch iron pipe  
21 found for an interior corner of this tract;

22 THENCE South 88° 28' 52" West, a distance of 620.27 feet with the  
23 northerly line of said 1.012-acre tracts and with the northerly  
24 line of the Maud Malone, et al, tract as shown in Volume 436, Page  
25 404 of the Waller County Deed Records to a 5/8-inch iron rod with  
26 cap stamped "Weisser Eng. Houston, Tx." set for a southwesterly  
27 corner of this tract;

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1 THENCE North 03° 20' 48" West, a distance of 105.02 feet with the  
2 easterly line of a 1-acre tract of land conveyed to the City of  
3 Brookshire as recorded in Volume 469, Page 659 of the Waller County  
4 Deed Records and described in Volume 136, Page 264 of the Waller  
5 County Deed Records to a 5/8-inch iron rod with cap stamped "Weisser  
6 Eng. Houston, Tx." set for an interior corner of this tract;

7 THENCE South 88° 28' 52" West, a distance of 174.49 feet with the  
8 northerly line of said 1-acre tract to a 1/2-inch iron rod found for  
9 a southwesterly corner of this tract;

10 THENCE North 01° 52' 35" West, a distance of 89.06 feet with the  
11 easterly right-of-way line of a 30-foot wide easement to a 5/8-inch  
12 iron rod with cap stamped "Weisser Eng. Houston, Tx." set for a  
13 northwesterly corner of this tract;

14 THENCE North 87° 48' 41" East, a distance of 233.82 feet with the  
15 southerly line of a 0.181-acre tract of land conveyed to Elenor J.  
16 Taylor as recorded in Volume 456, Page 553 of the Waller County Deed  
17 Records to a 1-1/2-inch iron pipe found for an interior corner of  
18 this tract;

19 THENCE North 01° 26' 25" West, a distance of 34.10 feet with the  
20 easterly line of said 0.181-acre tract to a 1-1/2-inch iron pipe  
21 found for a northwesterly corner of this tract;

22 THENCE North 87° 49' 35" East, a distance of 427.55 feet with the  
23 southerly line of a 6.779-acre tract of land conveyed to Elton R.R.  
24 Foster as recorded in Volume 526, Page 432 of the Waller County Deed  
25 Records to a 1-1/2-inch iron pipe found for an interior corner of  
26 this tract;

27 THENCE North 01° 29' 27" West, a distance of 1,092.80 feet with the

1 easterly line of said 6.779-acre tract, with the easterly line of  
2 the Eliza Leonard tract as recorded in Volume 203, Page 528 of the  
3 Waller County Deed Records and with the easterly line of a 1-acre  
4 tract of land conveyed to Richard N. Dale as recorded in Volume 516,  
5 Page 622 of the Waller County Deed Records to a 5/8-inch iron rod  
6 with cap stamped "Weisser Eng. Houston, Tx." set in the southerly  
7 right-of-way line of Tenth Street (60 feet wide) as recorded in  
8 Volume 14, Page 380 of the Waller County Deed Records for a  
9 northwesterly corner of this tract;  
10 THENCE North 89° 13' 33" East, a distance of 855.74 feet with the  
11 southerly right-of-way line of said Tenth Street to a 1/2-inch iron  
12 pipe found for an interior corner of this tract;  
13 THENCE North 00° 57' 53" West, a distance of 30.00 feet with the  
14 easterly terminus of said Tenth Street to a 5/8-inch iron rod with  
15 cap stamped "Weisser Eng. Houston, Tx." set for a northwesterly  
16 corner of this tract;  
17 THENCE North 89° 13' 33" East, a distance of 590.00 feet with the  
18 southerly line of a Brookshire Municipal Water District 30-foot  
19 wide right-of-way as recorded in Volume 129, Page 406 of the Waller  
20 County Deed Records to a 5/8-inch iron rod with cap stamped "Weisser  
21 Eng. Houston, Tx." set for a northeasterly corner of this tract;  
22 THENCE South 00° 57' 53" East, a distance of 27.55 feet with the  
23 westerly line of the Brookshire Municipal Water District Sewer  
24 Plant as recorded in Volume 129, Page 403 of the Waller County Deed  
25 Records to a 5/8-inch iron rod with cap stamped "Weisser Eng.  
26 Houston, Tx." set for an interior corner of this tract;  
27 THENCE South 60° 57' 53" East, a distance of 279.99 feet with the

1 southwesterly line of said Brookshire Municipal Water District  
2 Sewer Plant to a 5/8-inch iron rod with cap stamped "Weisser Eng.  
3 Houston, Tx." set for an interior corner of this tract;  
4 THENCE North 89° 02' 07" East, a distance of 116.32 feet with the  
5 southerly line of said Brookshire Municipal Water District Sewer  
6 Plant to a 5/8-inch iron rod with cap stamped "Weisser Eng. Houston,  
7 Tx." set for an interior corner of this tract, from which a 3/4-inch  
8 iron rod found bears North 04° 23' 28" East, a distance of 1.53 feet;  
9 THENCE North 00° 57' 53" West, a distance of 268.82 feet with the  
10 easterly line of said Brookshire Municipal Water District Sewer  
11 Plant to a 5/8-inch iron rod with cap stamped "Weisser Eng. Houston,  
12 Tx." set in the southerly right-of-way line of said Interstate  
13 Highway No. 10 (320 feet wide) for a northwesterly corner of this  
14 tract, from which a 1/2-inch iron rod found bears South 70° 51' 53"  
15 West, a distance of 1.54 feet;  
16 THENCE In an easterly direction with the southerly right-of-way  
17 line of said Interstate Highway No. 10 and with a non-tangent curve  
18 to the right having a radius of 3,659.72 feet, central angle of 03°  
19 22' 49", a length of 215.92 feet and a chord bearing South 84° 40'  
20 43" East, a distance of 215.89 feet to a 5/8-inch iron rod with cap  
21 stamped "Weisser Eng. Houston, Tx." set for a point-of-tangency,  
22 from which a 4-inch concrete monument found bears North 77° 07' 11"  
23 West, a distance of 0.79 feet;  
24 THENCE South 82° 59' 18" East, a distance of 204.22 feet with the  
25 southerly right-of-way line of said Interstate Highway No. 10 to  
26 the POINT OF BEGINNING and containing 350.342 acres (15,260,917  
27 square feet) of land.

1           SECTION 3. (a) The legal notice of the intention to  
2 introduce this Act, setting forth the general substance of this  
3 Act, has been published as provided by law, and the notice and a  
4 copy of this Act have been furnished to all persons, agencies,  
5 officials, or entities to which they are required to be furnished  
6 under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, and Chapter 313,  
7 Government Code.

8           (b) The governor, one of the required recipients, has  
9 submitted the notice and Act to the Texas Commission on  
10 Environmental Quality.

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

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

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