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S.B. No. 1974

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the powers and duties of the Harris County Municipal
3 Utility District No. 473; providing authority to impose a tax and
4 issue bonds.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subtitle F, Title 6, Special District Local Laws
7 Code, is amended by adding Chapter 8250 to read as follows:

8 CHAPTER 8250. HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 473

9 SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

10 Sec. 8250.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

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

12 (2) "Director" means a board member.

13 (3) "District" means the Harris County Municipal
14 Utility District No. 473.

15 Sec. 8250.002. NATURE OF DISTRICT. (a) The district is a
16 municipal utility district created under and essential to
17 accomplish the purposes of Section 59, Article XVI, Texas
18 Constitution.

19 (b) The district, to the extent authorized by Section
20 8250.052 of this code and Section 52, Article III, Texas
21 Constitution, has road powers.

22 Sec. 8250.003. FINDINGS OF BENEFIT AND PUBLIC PURPOSE. All
23 land and other property in the district will benefit from the
24 improvements and services to be provided by the district.

1 [Sections 8250.004-8250.050 reserved for expansion]

2 SUBCHAPTER B. POWERS AND DUTIES

3 Sec. 8250.051. MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT POWERS AND
4 DUTIES. (a) The district has the powers and duties necessary to
5 accomplish the purposes for which the district is created. This
6 chapter does not limit the district's powers existing before the
7 effective date of the Act enacting this chapter.

8 (b) The district has the powers and duties provided by the
9 general law of this state, including Chapters 49 and 54, Water Code,
10 applicable to municipal utility districts created under Section 59,
11 Article XVI, Texas Constitution.

12 Sec. 8250.052. ROAD PROJECTS. (a) Under Section 52,
13 Article III, Texas Constitution, the district may finance,
14 construct, or acquire a road project as provided by this section.

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

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

20 (2) a municipality in whose corporate limits or
21 extraterritorial jurisdiction the proposed road project is
22 located.

23 (c) The district may finance, construct, or acquire a
24 thoroughfare, arterial, or collector road that has been certified
25 by the licensed engineer, or any improvements in aid of the road.

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

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

3 (2) each county in which the road project is located if
4 the road project is not located in the corporate limits of a
5 municipality.

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

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

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

11 [Sections 8250.053-8250.100 reserved for expansion]

12 SUBCHAPTER C. BONDS

13 Sec. 8250.101. AUTHORITY TO ISSUE BONDS AND OTHER
14 OBLIGATIONS FOR ROAD PROJECTS. (a) The district may issue bonds or
15 other obligations payable wholly or partly from ad valorem taxes,
16 impact fees, revenue, grants, or other district money, or any
17 combination of those sources, to pay for road projects.

18 (b) The district may not issue bonds payable from ad valorem
19 taxes to finance a road project unless the issuance is approved by a
20 vote of a two-thirds majority of the voters of the district voting
21 at an election called for that purpose.

22 (c) The total principal amount of bonds, notes, or other
23 obligations issued or incurred to finance road projects may not
24 exceed one-fourth of the assessed value of the real property in the
25 district according to the most recent certified appraisal roll for
26 Harris County.

27 SECTION 2. (a) The legal notice of the intention to

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

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

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

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