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AN ACT

relating to the powers and duties of the Fort Bend County Levee Improvement District No. 19; providing authority to impose a tax and issue bonds.

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

SECTION 1. Subtitle E, Title 6, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Chapter 7804 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 7804. FORT BEND COUNTY LEVEE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 19

SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 7804.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

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

(2) "Director" means a board member.

(3) "District" means the Fort Bend County Levee Improvement District No. 19.

Sec. 7804.002. NATURE OF DISTRICT. (a) The district is a levee improvement 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 7804.052 and Section 52, Article III, Texas Constitution, has road powers.

Sec. 7804.003. FINDINGS OF BENEFIT AND PUBLIC PURPOSE. All land and other property in the district will benefit from the

1 improvements and services to be provided by the district.

2 [Sections 7804.004-7804.050 reserved for expansion]

3 SUBCHAPTER B. POWERS AND DUTIES

4 Sec. 7804.051. LEVEE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT POWERS AND  
5 DUTIES. (a) The district has the powers and duties provided by the  
6 general law of this state, including Chapters 49 and 57, Water Code,  
7 applicable to levee improvement districts created under Section 59,  
8 Article XVI, Texas Constitution.

9 (b) The district has the powers and duties necessary to  
10 accomplish the purposes for which the district is created.

11 Sec. 7804.052. ROAD PROJECTS. (a) Under Section 52,  
12 Article III, Texas Constitution, the district may finance,  
13 construct, or acquire a road project as provided by this section.

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

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

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

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

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

27 (1) each municipality in whose corporate limits or

1 extraterritorial jurisdiction the road project is located; and

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

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

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

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

10 [Sections 7804.053-7804.100 reserved for expansion]

11 SUBCHAPTER C. BONDS

12 Sec. 7804.101. AUTHORITY TO ISSUE BONDS AND OTHER  
13 OBLIGATIONS FOR ROAD PROJECTS. (a) The district may issue bonds  
14 or other obligations payable wholly or partly from ad valorem  
15 taxes, impact fees, revenue, grants, or other district money, or  
16 any combination of those sources, to pay for road projects under  
17 Section 7804.052.

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 district voters voting at an  
21 election held for that purpose.

22 (c) The total principal amount of bonds, notes, or other  
23 obligations issued or incurred to finance the 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 Fort Bend County.

27 SECTION 2. The Fort Bend County Levee Improvement District

1 No. 19 retains all the rights, powers, privileges, authority,  
2 duties, and functions that it had before the effective date of this  
3 Act.

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

11 (b) The governor, one of the required recipients, has  
12 submitted the notice and Act to the Texas Commission on  
13 Environmental Quality.

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

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

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