By: Fletcher H.B. No. 4740

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

| 1 | AN ACT |
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| 2 | relating to the creation of the Harris County Improvement District |
| 3 | No. 14; providing authority to impose an assessment, impose a tax, |
| 4 | and issue bonds. |
| 5 | BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: |
| 6 | SECTION 1. Subtitle C, Title 4, Special District Local Laws |
| 7 | Code, is amended by adding Chapter 3882 to read as follows: |
| 8 | CHAPTER 3882. HARRIS COUNTY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 14 |
| 9 | SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS |
| 10 | Sec. 3882.001. 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 Improvement |
| 14 | District No. 14. |
| 15 | Sec. 3882.002. NATURE OF DISTRICT. The Harris County |
| 16 | Improvement District No. 14 is a special district created under |
| 17 | Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution. |
| 18 | Sec. 3882.003. PURPOSE; DECLARATION OF INTENT. (a) The |
| 19 | creation of the district is essential to accomplish the purposes of |
| 20 | Sections 52 and 52-a, Article III, and Section 59, Article XVI, |
| 21 | Texas Constitution, and other public purposes stated in this |
| 22 | chapter. By creating the district and in authorizing the City of |
| 23 | Houston, Harris County, and other political subdivisions to |
| 24 | contract with the district, the legislature has established a |

- 1 program to accomplish the public purposes set out in Section 52-a,
- 2 Article III, Texas Constitution.
- 3 (b) The creation of the district is necessary to promote,
- 4 develop, encourage, and maintain employment, commerce,
- 5 transportation, housing, tourism, recreation, the arts,
- 6 entertainment, economic development, safety, and the public
- 7 welfare in the district.
- 8 (c) This chapter and the creation of the district may not be
- 9 interpreted to relieve Harris County from providing the level of
- 10 services provided, as of the effective date of the Act enacting this
- 11 chapter, to the area in the district. The district is created to
- 12 supplement and not to supplant the county services provided in the
- 13 area in the district.
- 14 Sec. 3882.004. FINDINGS OF BENEFIT AND PUBLIC PURPOSE. (a)
- 15 The district is created to serve a public use and benefit.
- (b) All land and other property included in the district
- 17 will benefit from the improvements and services to be provided by
- 18 the district under powers conferred by Sections 52 and 52-a,
- 19 Article III, and Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, and
- 20 other powers granted under this chapter.
- 21 <u>(c)</u> The creation of the district is in the public interest
- 22 and is essential to:
- (1) further the public purposes of developing and
- 24 diversifying the economy of the state;
- 25 (2) eliminate unemployment and underemployment; and
- 26 (3) develop or expand transportation and commerce.
- 27 (d) The district will:

- 1 (1) promote the health, safety, and general welfare of
- 2 residents, employers, potential employees, employees, visitors,
- 3 and consumers in the district, and of the public;
- 4 (2) provide needed funding for the district to
- 5 preserve, maintain, and enhance the economic health and vitality of
- 6 the district territory as a community and business center;
- 7 (3) promote the health, safety, welfare, and enjoyment
- 8 of the public by providing pedestrian ways and by landscaping and
- 9 developing certain areas in the district, which are necessary for
- 10 the restoration, preservation, and enhancement of scenic beauty;
- 11 and
- 12 (4) provide for water, wastewater, drainage, road,
- 13 and recreational facilities for the district.
- 14 (e) Pedestrian ways along or across a street, whether at
- 15 grade or above or below the surface, and street lighting, street
- 16 landscaping, parking, and street art objects are parts of and
- 17 necessary components of a street and are considered to be a street
- 18 or road improvement.
- 19 (f) The district will not act as the agent or
- 20 instrumentality of any private interest even though the district
- 21 will benefit many private interests as well as the public.
- Sec. 3882.005. INITIAL DISTRICT TERRITORY. (a) The
- 23 district is initially composed of the territory described by
- 24 Section 2 of the Act enacting this chapter.
- 25 (b) The boundaries and field notes contained in Section 2 of
- 26 the Act enacting this chapter form a closure. A mistake in the
- 27 field notes or in copying the field notes in the legislative process

| 1 | <pre>does not affect the district's:</pre> |
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| 2 | (1) organization, existence, or validity; |
| 3 | (2) right to issue any type of bond for the purposes |
| 4 | for which the district is created or to pay the principal of and |
| 5 | interest on the bond; |
| 6 | (3) right to impose or collect an assessment or tax; or |
| 7 | (4) legality or operation. |
| 8 | Sec. 3882.006. ELIGIBILITY FOR INCLUSION IN SPECIAL ZONES. |
| 9 | All or any part of the area of the district is eligible to be |
| 10 | <pre>included in:</pre> |
| 11 | (1) a tax increment reinvestment zone created under |
| 12 | Chapter 311, Tax Code; |
| 13 | (2) a tax abatement reinvestment zone created under |
| 14 | Chapter 312, Tax Code; or |
| 15 | (3) an enterprise zone created under Chapter 2303, |
| 16 | Government Code. |
| 17 | Sec. 3882.007. APPLICABILITY OF MUNICIPAL MANAGEMENT |
| 18 | DISTRICTS LAW. Except as otherwise provided by this chapter, |
| 19 | Chapter 375, Local Government Code, applies to the district. |
| 20 | Sec. 3882.008. LIBERAL CONSTRUCTION OF CHAPTER. This |
| 21 | chapter shall be liberally construed in conformity with the |
| 22 | findings and purposes stated in this chapter. |
| 23 | [Sections 3882.009-3882.050 reserved for expansion] |
| 24 | SUBCHAPTER B. BOARD OF DIRECTORS |
| 25 | Sec. 3882.051. GOVERNING BODY; TERMS. (a) The district is |
| 26 | governed by a board of five voting directors who serve staggered |
| 27 | terms of four years, with two or three directors' terms expiring |

- 1 June 1 of each odd-numbered year.
- 2 (b) The board by resolution may change the number of voting
- 3 directors on the board, but only if the board determines that the
- 4 change is in the best interest of the district. The board may not
- 5 consist of fewer than five or more than 15 voting directors.
- 6 Sec. 3882.052. APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS. The Texas
- 7 Commission on Environmental Quality shall appoint voting directors
- 8 from persons recommended by the board.
- 9 Sec. 3882.053. INITIAL VOTING DIRECTORS. (a) The initial
- 10 board consists of the following voting directors:
- Pos. No. Name of Director
- 1 Robbie Winston
- 2 David Loosley
- 14 3 Craig Young
- 15 <u>4 Jeff Finn</u>
- 16 <u>5 Rachal Taylor</u>
- 17 (b) Of the initial directors, the terms of directors
- 18 appointed for positions 1 through 3 expire June 1, 2011, and the
- 19 terms of directors appointed for positions 4 and 5 expire June 1,
- 20 2013.
- 21 (c) Section 3882.052 does not apply to this section.
- Sec. 3882.054. NONVOTING DIRECTORS. The board may appoint
- 23 nonvoting directors to serve at the pleasure of the voting
- 24 directors.
- Sec. 3882.055. QUORUM. For purposes of determining the
- 26 requirements for a quorum of the board, the following are not
- 27 counted:

| 1 | (1) a board position vacant for any reason, including |
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| 2 | death, resignation, or disqualification; |
| 3 | (2) a director who is abstaining from participation in |
| 4 | a vote because of a conflict of interest; or |
| 5 | (3) a nonvoting director. |
| 6 | Sec. 3882.056. COMPENSATION. A director is entitled to |
| 7 | receive fees of office and reimbursement for actual expenses as |
| 8 | provided by Section 49.060, Water Code. Sections 375.069 and |
| 9 | 375.070, Local Government Code, do not apply to the board. |
| 10 | [Sections 3882.057-3882.100 reserved for expansion] |
| 11 | SUBCHAPTER C. POWERS AND DUTIES |
| 12 | Sec. 3882.101. DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION POWERS. The |
| 13 | district may exercise the powers given to a development corporation |
| 14 | under Section 4B, Development Corporation Act of 1979 (Article |
| 15 | 5190.6, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), including the power to own, |
| 16 | operate, acquire, construct, lease, improve, or maintain a project |
| 17 | described by that section. |
| 18 | Sec. 3882.102. NONPROFIT CORPORATION. (a) The board by |
| 19 | resolution may authorize the creation of a nonprofit corporation to |
| 20 | assist and act for the district in implementing a project or |
| 21 | providing a service authorized by this chapter. |
| 22 | (b) The nonprofit corporation: |
| 23 | (1) has each power of and is considered for purposes of |
| 24 | this chapter to be a local government corporation created under |
| 25 | Chapter 431, Transportation Code; and |
| 26 | (2) may implement any project and provide any service |
| 27 | authorized by this chapter. |

- 1 (c) The board shall appoint the board of directors of the
- 2 nonprofit corporation. The board of directors of the nonprofit
- 3 corporation shall serve in the same manner as the board of directors
- 4 of a local government corporation created under Chapter 431,
- 5 Transportation Code, except that a board member is not required to
- 6 reside in the district.
- 7 Sec. 3882.103. AGREEMENTS; GRANTS. (a) The district may
- 8 make an agreement with or accept a gift, grant, or loan from any
- 9 person.
- 10 (b) The implementation of a project is a governmental
- 11 function or service for the purposes of Chapter 791, Government
- 12 Code.
- 13 Sec. 3882.104. AUTHORITY TO CONTRACT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT
- 14 SERVICES. To protect the public interest, the district may
- 15 contract with a qualified person, including Harris County or the
- 16 City of Houston, for the provision of law enforcement services in
- 17 the district for a fee.
- 18 Sec. 3882.105. MEMBERSHIP IN CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS. The
- 19 district may join and pay dues to a charitable or nonprofit
- 20 organization that performs a service or provides an activity
- 21 consistent with the furtherance of a district purpose.
- Sec. 3882.106. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS. (a) The
- 23 district may establish and provide for the administration of one or
- 24 more programs to promote state or local economic development and to
- 25 stimulate business and commercial activity in the district,
- 26 including programs to:
- 27 (1) make loans and grants of public money; and

- 1 (2) provide district personnel and services.
- 2 (b) The district has all of the powers of a municipality
- 3 under Chapter 380, Local Government Code.
- 4 Sec. 3882.107. STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT. The
- 5 district may negotiate and enter into a written strategic
- 6 partnership with the City of Houston pursuant to Section 43.0751,
- 7 <u>Local Government Code.</u>
- 8 Sec. 3882.108. NO EMINENT DOMAIN. The district may not
- 9 exercise the power of eminent domain.
- 10 Sec. 3882.109. ANNEXATION OR EXCLUSION OF LAND. (a) The
- 11 district may annex land as provided by Subchapter J, Chapter 49,
- 12 Water Code.
- 13 (b) The district may exclude land as provided by Subchapter
- 14 J, Chapter 49, Water Code. Section 375.044(b), Local Government
- 15 Code, does not apply to the district.
- [Sections 3882.110-3882.150 reserved for expansion]
- 17 SUBCHAPTER D. PUBLIC PARKING FACILITIES
- 18 Sec. 3882.151. PARKING FACILITIES AUTHORIZED; OPERATION BY
- 19 PRIVATE ENTITY; TAX EXEMPTION. (a) The district may acquire, lease
- 20 <u>as lessor or lessee</u>, construct, develop, own, operate, and maintain
- 21 parking facilities or a system of parking facilities, including:
- 22 (1) lots, garages, parking terminals, or other
- 23 structures or accommodations for parking motor vehicles off the
- 24 streets; and
- 25 (2) equipment, entrances, exits, fencing, and other
- 26 accessories necessary for safety and convenience in parking
- 27 vehicles.

- 1 (b) A parking facility of the district may be leased to or
- 2 operated on behalf of the district by an entity other than the
- 3 district.
- 4 (c) The district's parking facilities are a program
- 5 authorized by the legislature under Section 52-a, Article III,
- 6 Texas Constitution.
- 7 (d) The district's parking facilities serve the public
- 8 purposes of the district and are owned, used, and held for a public
- 9 purpose even if leased or operated by a private entity for a term of
- 10 years.
- 11 (e) The district's public parking facilities and any lease
- 12 to a private entity are exempt from the payment of ad valorem taxes
- 13 and state and local sales and use taxes.
- 14 Sec. 3882.152. RULES. The district may adopt rules
- 15 governing the district's public parking facilities.
- Sec. 3882.153. FINANCING OF PUBLIC PARKING FACILITIES. (a)
- 17 The district may use any of its resources, including revenue,
- 18 assessments, taxes, or grant or contract proceeds, to pay the cost
- 19 of acquiring or operating public parking facilities.
- 20 (b) The district may:
- 21 (1) set, charge, impose, and collect fees, charges, or
- 22 tolls for the use of the district's public parking facilities; and
- 23 (2) issue bonds or notes to finance the cost of the
- 24 district's public parking facilities.
- 25 [Sections 3882.154-3882.200 reserved for expansion]
- SUBCHAPTER E. GENERAL FINANCIAL PROVISIONS
- Sec. 3882.201. DISBURSEMENTS AND TRANSFERS OF MONEY. The

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- 1 board by resolution shall establish the number of directors'
- 2 signatures and the procedure required for a disbursement or
- 3 transfer of the district's money.
- 4 Sec. 3882.202. MONEY USED FOR IMPROVEMENTS OR SERVICES.
- 5 The district may acquire, construct, finance, operate, or maintain
- 6 any improvement or service authorized under this chapter or Chapter
- 7 375, Local Government Code, using any money available to the
- 8 district.
- 9 Sec. 3882.203. PETITION REQUIRED FOR FINANCING SERVICES AND
- 10 IMPROVEMENTS WITH ASSESSMENTS. (a) The board may not finance a
- 11 service or improvement project with assessments under this chapter
- 12 unless a written petition requesting that service or improvement
- 13 has been filed with the board.
- 14 (b) A petition filed under Subsection (a) must be signed by
- 15 the owners of a majority of the assessed value of real property in
- 16 the district subject to assessment according to the most recent
- 17 certified tax appraisal roll for Harris County.
- 18 Sec. 3882.204. METHOD OF NOTICE FOR HEARING. The district
- 19 may mail the notice required by Section 375.115(c), Local
- 20 Government Code, by certified or first class United States mail.
- 21 The board shall determine the method of mailing notice.
- Sec. 3882.205. ASSESSMENTS; LIENS FOR ASSESSMENTS. (a)
- 23 The board by resolution may impose and collect an assessment for any
- 24 purpose authorized by this chapter in all or any part of the
- 25 district.
- 26 (b) An assessment, a reassessment, or an assessment
- 27 resulting from an addition to or correction of the assessment roll

- 1 by the district, penalties and interest on an assessment or
- 2 reassessment, an expense of collection, and reasonable attorney's
- 3 fees incurred by the district:
- 4 (1) are a first and prior lien against the property
- 5 assessed;
- 6 (2) are superior to any other lien or claim other than
- 7 <u>a lien or claim for county, school district, or municipal ad valorem</u>
- 8 taxes; and
- 9 <u>(3) are the personal liability of and a charge against</u>
- 10 the owners of the property even if the owners are not named in the
- 11 <u>assessment proceedings.</u>
- 12 (c) The lien is effective from the date of the board's
- 13 resolution imposing the assessment until the date the assessment is
- 14 paid. The board may enforce the lien in the same manner that the
- 15 board may enforce an ad valorem tax lien against real property.
- 16 (d) The board may make a correction to or deletion from the
- 17 assessment roll that does not increase the amount of assessment of
- 18 any parcel of land without providing notice and holding a hearing in
- 19 the manner required for additional assessments.
- Sec. 3882.206. UTILITY PROPERTY EXEMPT FROM IMPACT FEES AND
- 21 ASSESSMENTS. The district may not impose an impact fee or
- 22 assessment on the property, including the equipment,
- 23 rights-of-way, facilities, or improvements, of:
- 24 (1) an electric utility or a power generation company
- 25 <u>as defined by Section 31.002, Utilities Code;</u>
- 26 (2) a gas utility as defined by Section 101.003 or
- 27 121.001, Utilities Code;

- 1 (3) a telecommunications provider as defined by
- 2 Section 51.002, Utilities Code; or
- 3 (4) a person who provides to the public cable
- 4 television or advanced telecommunications services.
- 5 Sec. 3882.207. RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY. Section 375.161,
- 6 Local Government Code, does not apply to a tax imposed by the
- 7 <u>district.</u>
- 8 Sec. 3882.208. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE TAX. (a) If
- 9 authorized at an election held in accordance with Section 3882.212,
- 10 the district may impose an annual operation and maintenance tax on
- 11 taxable property in the district in accordance with Section 49.107,
- 12 Water Code, for any district purpose, including to:
- 13 (1) maintain and operate the district;
- 14 (2) construct or acquire improvements; or
- 15 <u>(3) provide a service.</u>
- (b) The board shall determine the tax rate. The rate may not
- 17 exceed the rate approved at the election.
- 18 (c) Section 49.107(h), Water Code, does not apply to the
- 19 district.
- Sec. 3882.209. CONTRACT TAXES. (a) In accordance with
- 21 Section 49.108, Water Code, the district may impose a tax other than
- 22 an operation and maintenance tax and use the revenue derived from
- 23 the tax to make payments under a contract after the provisions of
- 24 the contract have been approved by a majority of the district voters
- 25 voting at an election held for that purpose.
- 26 (b) A contract approved by the district voters may contain a
- 27 provision stating that the contract may be modified or amended by

- 1 the board without further voter approval.
- 2 Sec. 3882.210. AUTHORITY TO BORROW MONEY AND TO ISSUE
- 3 BONDS. (a) The district may borrow money on terms and conditions
- 4 as determined by the board. Section 375.205, Local Government
- 5 Code, does not apply to a loan, line of credit, or other borrowing
- 6 from a bank or financial institution secured by revenue other than
- 7 <u>ad valorem taxes.</u>
- 8 (b) The district may issue bonds, notes, or other
- 9 obligations payable wholly or partly from ad valorem taxes, sales
- 10 and use taxes, assessments, impact fees, revenue, contract
- 11 payments, grants, or other district money, or any combination of
- 12 those sources of money, to pay for any authorized district purpose.
- 13 (c) The limitation on the outstanding principal amount of
- 14 bonds, notes, and other obligations set forth in Section 49.4645,
- 15 Water Code, does not apply to the district.
- Sec. 3882.211. TAXES FOR BONDS. At the time the district
- 17 issues bonds payable wholly or partly from ad valorem taxes, the
- 18 board shall provide for the annual imposition of a continuing
- 19 direct annual ad valorem tax, without limit as to rate or amount,
- 20 while all or part of the bonds are outstanding as required and in
- 21 the manner provided by Sections 54.601 and 54.602, Water Code.
- Sec. 3882.212. ELECTIONS REGARDING TAXES AND BONDS. (a)
- 23 The district may issue, without an election, bonds, notes, and
- 24 other obligations secured by:
- 25 (1) revenue other than ad valorem taxes; or
- 26 (2) contract payments described by Section 3882.209.
- 27 (b) The district must hold an election in the manner

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- 1 provided by Subchapter L, Chapter 375, Local Government Code, to
- 2 obtain voter approval before the district may impose an ad valorem
- 3 tax or sales and use tax or issue bonds payable from ad valorem
- 4 taxes.
- 5 (c) Section 375.243, Local Government Code, does not apply
- 6 to the district.
- 7 (d) All or any part of any facilities or improvements which
- 8 may be acquired by a district by the issuance of its bonds may be
- 9 included in one single proposition to be voted on at the election or
- 10 the bonds may be submitted in several propositions.
- Sec. 3882.213. COMPETITIVE BIDDING. Subchapter I, Chapter
- 12 49, Water Code, applies to the district. Subchapter K, Chapter 375,
- 13 Local Government Code, does not apply to the district.
- 14 Sec. 3882.214. TAX AND ASSESSMENT ABATEMENTS. The district
- 15 may grant in the manner authorized by Chapter 312, Tax Code, an
- 16 <u>abatement for a tax or assessment owed to the district.</u>
- 17 [Sections 3882.215-3882.250 reserved for expansion]
- SUBCHAPTER F. TAXES FOR CERTAIN DEFINED AREAS AND DESIGNATED
- 19 PROPERTY
- Sec. 3882.251. AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH DEFINED AREAS OR
- 21 DESIGNATED PROPERTY. The district may define areas or designate
- 22 certain property of the district to pay for improvements,
- 23 facilities, or services that primarily benefit that area or
- 24 property and do not generally and directly benefit the district as a
- 25 whole.
- Sec. 3882.252. PROCEDURE FOR ELECTION. (a) Before the
- 27 district may impose an ad valorem tax or issue bonds payable from ad

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- 1 valorem taxes of the area defined or property designated under
- 2 Section 3882.251, the board must call and hold an election as
- 3 provided by Section 3882.212 only in the defined area or in the
- 4 boundaries of the designated property.
- 5 (b) The board may submit the proposition to the voters on
- 6 the same ballot to be used in another election.
- 7 Sec. 3882.253. DECLARING RESULT AND ISSUING ORDER. (a) If
- 8 <u>a majority of the voters voting at the election approve the</u>
- 9 proposition or propositions, the board shall declare the results
- 10 and by order shall establish the defined area and describe it by
- 11 metes and bounds or designate the specific property.
- 12 (b) A court may not review the board's order except on the
- 13 ground of fraud, palpable error, or arbitrary and confiscatory
- 14 abuse of discretion.
- 15 Sec. 3882.254. TAXES FOR SERVICES, IMPROVEMENTS, AND
- 16 FACILITIES IN DEFINED AREAS OR DESIGNATED PROPERTY. On voter
- 17 approval and adoption of the order described in Section 3882.253,
- 18 the district may apply separately, differently, equitably, and
- 19 specifically its taxing power and lien authority to the defined
- 20 area or designated property to provide money to construct,
- 21 administer, maintain, and operate services, improvements, and
- 22 <u>facilities that primarily benefit the defined area or designated</u>
- 23 property.
- Sec. 3882.255. ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND IMPOSITION OF TAXES
- 25 FOR DEFINED AREA OR DESIGNATED PROPERTY. After the order under
- 26 Section 3882.253 is adopted, the district may issue bonds to
- 27 provide for any land, improvements, facilities, plants, equipment,

- 1 and appliances for the defined area or designated property.
- 2 [Sections 3882.256-3882.300 reserved for expansion]
- 3 SUBCHAPTER G. MUNICIPAL ANNEXATION AND DISSOLUTION
- 4 Sec. 3882.301. MUNICIPAL ANNEXATION; DISSOLUTION. (a) The
- 5 district is a "water or sewer district" under Section 43.071, Local
- 6 Government Code.
- 7 (b) Section 43.075, Local Government Code, applies to the
- 8 district.
- 9 (c) Section 375.264, Local Government Code, does not apply
- 10 to the dissolution of the district by a municipality.
- 11 SECTION 2. The Harris County Improvement District No. 14
- 12 initially includes all territory contained in the following area:
- BEING 622.07 acres of land lying wholly within Harris County,
- 14 Texas consisting of TRACT "1": A 491.96 acre tract situated in the
- 15 Jno. W. Baker Survey, A-116 and the Moses Merritt Survey, A-579,
- 16 TRACT "2": A 130.11 acre tract situated in the J. W. Moody Survey,
- 17 A-547 and more particularly described as follows:
- 18 TRACT "1"
- BEING a 491.96 acre tract of land in the Jno. W. Baker Survey,
- 20 A-116 and the Moses Merritt Survey, A-579, Harris County, Texas,
- 21 being part of that certain called 891.99 acre tract described and
- 22 recorded under Harris County Clerk's File Number (H.C.C.F. No.)
- 23 20070535841, said 491.96 acre tract being more particularly
- 24 described by metes and bounds as follows:
- 25 COMMENCING at a 5/8-inch iron rod found for the northwest
- 26 corner of a called 21.148 acre tract described and recorded under
- 27 H.C.C.F. No. M488539 and being in the southern right-of-way line of

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- 1 the Union Pacific Railroad Company railroad right-of-way (100' wide
- 2 at this point) as recorded in Volume 964, Page 88 of the Harris
- 3 County Deed Records (H.C.D.R.), having coordinates of X:
- 4 3,004,549.33, Y: 13,921,124.64;
- 5 THENCE, along the western lines of said 21.148 acre tract and
- 6 the eastern lines of said 891.99 acre tract the following five (5)
- 7 courses:
- 8 S 21°51'31" W, a distance of 100.00 feet to a disturbed
- 9 5/8-inch iron rod found for the point of curvature of a curve to the
- 10 left;
- In a southeasterly direction, 498.97 feet along the arc
- 12 of said curve to the left having a radius of 610.00 feet, a central
- 13 angle of $46^{\circ}52'00"$ and whose chord bears S $01^{\circ}34'29"$ E, 485.17 feet
- 14 to a 5/8-inch iron rod found for the point of tangency of said
- 15 curve;
- 16 S $25^{\circ}00'29''$ E, a distance of 437.99 feet to a 5/8-inch
- 17 iron rod found for the point of curvature of a curve to the right;
- In a southeasterly direction, 153.69 feet along the arc
- 19 of said curve to the right having a radius of 390.00 feet, a central
- 20 angle of $22^{\circ}34'45"$ and whose chord bears S $13^{\circ}43'07"$ E, 152.70 feet
- 21 to a 5/8-inch iron rod with cap stamped "BROWN & GAY" set for the
- 22 point of tangency of said curve;
- S $02^{\circ}25'44''$ E, a distance of 2406.07 feet to a 5/8-inch
- 24 iron rod with cap stamped "BROWN & GAY set for the POINT OF
- 25 BEGINNING;
- THENCE, S $02^{\circ}25'44''$ E, a distance of 638.84 feet to a 5/8-inch
- 27 iron rod with cap stamped "BROWN & GAY set for the southeast corner

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- 1 of the herein described tract and the southwest corner of the said
- 2 21.148 acre tract and being in the north line of a called 410.160
- 3 acre tract described and recorded under H.C.C.F. No. R209030 from
- 4 which a found 5/8-inch iron rod bears N 65°08' W, 0.98 feet;
- 5 THENCE, S $87^{\circ}04'34''$ W, a distance of 5,120.84 feet to a
- 6 5/8-inch iron rod with cap stamped "BROWN & GAY" set for an interior
- 7 ell corner of the herein described tract and the northwest corner of
- 8 said 410.160 acre tract from which a found 4X4 concrete monument
- 9 bears N $50^{\circ}58'$ W, 1.54 feet;
- THENCE, S $03^{\circ}23'06''$ E, a distance of 2,819.50 feet to the most
- 11 southerly southeast corner of the herein described tract and the
- 12 northeast corner of a called 1,004.14 acre tract described as
- 13 Parcel A, Tract 6 in the deed recorded under H.C.C.F. No. W677033
- 14 from which a found 4X4 concrete monument bears N 72°29' E, 0.54 feet;
- THENCE, S $87^{\circ}02'37''$ W, a distance of 1,336.61 feet along the
- 16 north line of said 1,004.14 acre tract to the southwest corner of
- 17 the herein described tract and the southeast corner of a called
- 18 2,523.670 acre tract described and recorded under H.C.C.F. No.
- 19 U036618 from which a found 3/4-inch iron rod bears N $37^{\circ}58'$ E, 0.36
- 20 feet;
- THENCE, N $02^{\circ}08'21''$ W, a distance of 7524.66 feet along the
- 22 east line of said 2,523.670 acre tract to a 5/8-inch iron rod with
- 23 cap stamped "BROWN & GAY" set for the northwest corner of the herein
- 24 described tract;
- THENCE the following eight (8) courses and distances over and
- 26 across said 891.99 acre tract:
- S $68^{\circ}28'02''$ E, a distance of 399.82 feet to a 5/8-inch

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- 1 iron rod with cap stamped "BROWN & GAY" set for the beginning of a
- 2 tangent curve to the left;
- In an Easterly direction, along said curve to the left,
- 4 a distance of 941.65 feet, having a radius of 2050.00 feet, a
- 5 central angle of $26^{\circ}19'06''$ and a chord which bears S $81^{\circ}37'35''$ E,
- 6 933.39 feet to the point of tangency;
- 7 N $85^{\circ}12'52''$ E, a distance of 100.00 feet to a 5/8-inch
- 8 iron rod with cap stamped "BROWN & GAY" set for the beginning of a
- 9 tangent curve to the right;
- In a Southeasterly direction, along said curve to the
- 11 right, a distance of 2468.33 feet, having a radius of 1950.00 feet,
- 12 a central angle of $72^{\circ}31'32''$ and a chord which bears S $58^{\circ}31'22''$ E,
- 13 2306.81 feet to a 5/8-inch iron rod with cap stamped "BROWN & GAY"
- 14 set for the point of tangency;
- 15 S $22^{\circ}15'36''$ E, a distance of 873.59 feet to a 5/8-inch
- 16 iron rod with cap stamped "BROWN & GAY" set for the beginning of a
- 17 tangent curve to the left;
- In a Southeasterly direction, along said curve to the
- 19 left a distance of 2441.52 feet, having a radius of 2050.00 feet, a
- 20 central angle of $68^{\circ}14'18"$ and a chord which bears S $56^{\circ}22'45"$ E,
- 21 2299.76 feet to the point of tangency;
- N 89°30'06" E, a distance of 100.00 feet to a 5/8-inch
- 23 iron rod with cap stamped "BROWN & GAY" set for the beginning of a
- 24 tangent curve to the right;
- In an Easterly direction, along said curve to the right,
- 26 a distance of 853.40 feet, having a radius of 1950.00 feet, a
- 27 central angle of $25^{\circ}04'30''$ and a chord which bears S $77^{\circ}57'39''$ E,

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- 1 846.60 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING and containing 491.96 acres of
- 2 land.
- 3 TRACT "2"
- 4 BEING a 130.11 acre tract of land in the J.W. Moody Survey,
- 5 A-547, Harris County, Texas, being part of that certain called
- 6 435.44 acre tract described and recorded under Harris County
- 7 Clerk's File Number (H.C.C.F. No.) 20070535841, said 130.11 acre
- 8 tract being more particularly described by metes and bounds as
- 9 follows:
- 10 COMMENCING at a 5/8-inch iron rod found for the northeast
- 11 corner of a called 21.148 acre tract described and recorded under
- 12 H.C.C.F. No. M488539 and being in the southern right-of-way line of
- 13 the Union Pacific Railroad Company railroad right-of-way (100' wide
- 14 at this point) as recorded in Volume 964, Page 88 of the Harris
- 15 County Deed Records (H.C.D.R.), having coordinates of X:
- 16 3,004,753.52, Y: 13,921,042.73;
- 17 THENCE, along the eastern lines of said 21.148 acre tract and
- 18 the western lines of said 435.44 acre tract the following five (5)
- 19 courses:
- S $21^{\circ}51'31''$ W, a distance of 100.00 feet to a 5/8-inch
- 21 iron rod found for the beginning of a tangent curve to the left;
- In a southeasterly direction, 319.01 feet along the arc
- 23 of said curve to the left having a radius of 390.00 feet, a central
- 24 angle of $46^{\circ}52'00"$ and whose chord bears S $01^{\circ}34'29"$ E, 310.19 feet
- 25 to a 5/8-inch iron rod with cap stamped "BROWN & GAY" set for
- 26 corner;
- S $25^{\circ}00'29''$ E, a distance of 437.99 feet to a 5/8-inch

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- 1 iron rod found (disturbed) for the point of curvature of a curve to
- 2 the right;
- In a southeasterly direction, 121.77 feet along the arc
- 4 of said curve to the right having a radius of 610.00 feet, a central
- 5 angle of $22^{\circ}34'45''$ and whose chord bears S $13^{\circ}43'07''$ E, 238.84 feet
- 6 to a 5/8-inch iron rod with cap stamped "BROWN & GAY" set for point
- 7 of tangency of said curve;
- 8 S $02^{\circ}25'44''$ E, a distance of 2537.06 feet to a 5/8-inch
- 9 iron rod with cap stamped "BROWN & GAY set for the POINT OF
- 10 BEGINNING and the beginning of a non-tangent curve of a curve to the
- 11 left;
- 12 THENCE the following six (6) courses and distances over and
- 13 across said called 435.44 acre tract:
- In a Southeasterly direction, along said curve to the
- 15 right, a distance of 531.87 feet, having a radius of 1950.00 feet, a
- 16 central angle of $15^{\circ}37'39"$ and a chord which bears S $50^{\circ}04'52"$ E,
- 17 530.22 feet to a /8-inch iron rod with cap stamped "BROWN & GAY" set
- 18 for the point of tangency;
- 19 S $42^{\circ}16'02''$ E, a distance of 100.00 feet to a /8-inch
- 20 iron rod with cap stamped "BROWN & GAY" set for the beginning of a
- 21 tangent curve to the left;
- In an Easterly direction, along said curve to the left,
- 23 a distance of 2329.05 feet, having a radius of 2050.00 feet, a
- 24 central angle of $65^{\circ}05'42"$ and a chord which bears S $74^{\circ}48'53"$ E,
- 25 2205.79 feet to a /8-inch iron rod with cap stamped "BROWN & GAY"
- 26 set for the point of tangency;
- N 72°38'16" E, a distance of 565.96 feet to a /8-inch

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- 1 iron rod with cap stamped "BROWN & GAY" set for the beginning of a
- 2 tangent curve to the right;
- In an Easterly direction, along said curve to the right,
- 4 a distance of 531.50 feet, having a radius of 1950.00 feet, a
- 5 central angle of $15^{\circ}37'00''$ and a chord which bears N $80^{\circ}26'46''$ E,
- 6 529.85 feet to a /8-inch iron rod with cap stamped "BROWN & GAY" set
- 7 for the point of tangency;
- N 88°15'16" E, a distance of 75.72 feet to a 5/8-inch
- 9 iron rod with cap stamped "BROWN & GAY" set for corner in the west
- 10 line of a called 237.257 acre tract described and recorded under
- 11 H.C.C.F. No. W483191;
- THENCE, S $01^{\circ}44'44''$ E, a distance of 849.90 feet to a 5/8-inch
- 13 iron rod with cap stamped "BROWN & GAY set for the most easterly
- 14 southeast corner of the herein described tract and the southwest
- 15 corner of the said 237.257 acre tract and being in the north line of
- 16 a called 130.70 acre tract described as Parcel A, Tract 10A in the
- 17 deed recorded under H.C.C.F. No. W677033;
- THENCE, S $89^{\circ}29'51''$ W, a distance of 942.59 feet to a 5/8-inch
- 19 iron rod with cap stamped "BROWN & GAY set for an interior ell
- 20 corner of the herein described tract and the northwest corner of the
- 21 said 130.70 acre tract;
- THENCE, S $02^{\circ}26'29''$ E, a distance of 1,308.26 feet to a
- 23 5/8-inch iron rod with cap stamped "BROWN & GAY set for the most
- 24 southerly southeast corner of the herein described tract and an
- 25 interior ell corner of the said 130.70 acre tract;
- THENCE, along the lines common to the herein described tract
- 27 and a called 410.160 acre tract described and recorded under

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- 1 H.C.C.F. No. R209030 the following three (3) courses:
- S $88^{\circ}09'30''$ W, a distance of 1,389.63 feet to a 5/8-inch
- 3 iron rod found for an angle point;
- 4 N $46^{\circ}35'14''$ W, a distance of 1,961.15 feet to an angle
- 5 point from which a found 3/4-inch iron pipe bears N 27°27' E, 0.57
- 6 feet;
- 7 N $02^{\circ}22'23''$ W, a distance of 1,090.04 feet to a 5/8-inch
- 8 iron rod with cap stamped "BROWN & GAY set for an angle point of the
- 9 herein described tract and the northeast corner of the said 410.160
- 10 acre tract and being the southeast corner of said called 21.148 acre
- 11 tract;
- THENCE N $02^{\circ}25'44''$ W, a distance of 505.95 feet along the east
- 13 line of said called 21.148 acre tract to the POINT OF BEGINNING and
- 14 containing 130.11 acres of land.
- 15 SECTION 3. (a) The legal notice of the intention to
- 16 introduce this Act, setting forth the general substance of this
- 17 Act, has been published as provided by law, and the notice and a
- 18 copy of this Act have been furnished to all persons, agencies,
- 19 officials, or entities to which they are required to be furnished
- 20 under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, and Chapter 313,
- 21 Government Code.
- 22 (b) The governor, one of the required recipients, has
- 23 submitted the notice and Act to the Texas Commission on
- 24 Environmental Quality.
- 25 (c) The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has filed
- 26 its recommendations relating to this Act with the governor,
- 27 lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house of representatives

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- 1 within the required time.
- 2 (d) The general law relating to consent by political
- 3 subdivisions to the creation of districts with conservation,
- 4 reclamation, and road powers and the inclusion of land in those
- 5 districts has been complied with.
- 6 (e) 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 have been
- 9 fulfilled and accomplished.
- 10 SECTION 4. 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, 2009.