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H.B. No. 1932

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the powers and duties of the Williamson-Liberty Hill
Municipal Utility District.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 8199, Special District
Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Sections 8199.109, 8199.110,
and 8199.111 to read as follows:

Sec. 8199.109. AUTHORITY FOR ROAD PROJECTS. Under Section
52, Article III, Texas Constitution, the district may design,
acquire, construct, finance, issue bonds for, improve, operate,
maintain, and convey to this state, a county, or a municipality for
operation and maintenance macadamized, graveled, or paved roads, or
improvements, including storm drainage, in aid of those roads.

Sec. 8199.110. ROAD STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS. (a) A road
project must meet all applicable construction standards, zoning and
subdivision requirements, and regulations of each municipality in
whose corporate limits or extraterritorial jurisdiction the road
project is located.

(b) If a road project is not located in the corporate limits
or extraterritorial jurisdiction of a municipality, the road
project must meet all applicable construction standards,
subdivision requirements, and regulations of each county in which
the road project is located.

(c) If the state will maintain and operate the road, the

1 Texas Transportation Commission must approve the plans and
2 specifications of the road project.

3 Sec. 8199.111. LIMITATION ON USE OF EMINENT DOMAIN. The
4 district may not exercise the power of eminent domain outside the
5 district to acquire a site or easement for:

- 6 (1) a road project authorized by Section 8199.109; or
7 (2) a recreational facility as defined by Section
8 49.462, Water Code.

9 SECTION 2. Section 8199.201, Special District Local Laws
10 Code, is amended to read as follows:

11 Sec. 8199.201. AUTHORITY TO ISSUE BONDS AND OTHER
12 OBLIGATIONS. The district may issue bonds or other obligations
13 payable wholly or partly from ad valorem taxes, impact fees,
14 revenue, grants, or other district money, or any combination of
15 those sources, to pay for any authorized district purpose,
16 including a purpose described by Section 8199.109.

17 SECTION 3. Subchapter E, Chapter 8199, Special District
18 Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Section 8199.203 to read as
19 follows:

20 Sec. 8199.203. BONDS FOR ROAD PROJECTS. (a) At the time of
21 issuance, the total principal amount of bonds or other obligations
22 issued or incurred to finance road projects and payable from ad
23 valorem taxes may not exceed one-fourth of the assessed value of the
24 real property in the district.

25 (b) The district may not issue bonds payable from ad valorem
26 taxes to finance a road project unless the issuance is approved by a
27 vote of a two-thirds majority of the district voters voting at an

1 election held for that purpose.

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

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

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

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

20 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
21 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
22 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
23 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
24 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.