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H.B. No. 3913

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the powers and duties of the Canyon Falls Water Control and Improvement District No. 2 of Denton County; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose taxes.

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

SECTION 1. Subtitle I, Title 6, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Chapter 9046 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 9046. CANYON FALLS WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

NO. 2 OF DENTON COUNTY

SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 9046.001. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "district" means the Canyon Falls Water Control and Improvement District No. 2 of Denton County.

Sec. 9046.002. NATURE AND PURPOSES OF DISTRICT. (a) The district is a water control and improvement district created under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution.

(b) The district is created to accomplish the purposes of:

(1) a water control and improvement district as provided by general law and Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution; and

(2) Section 52, Article III, Texas Constitution, that relate to the construction, acquisition, improvement, operation, or maintenance of macadamized, graveled, or paved roads, or improvements, including storm drainage, in aid of those roads.

1 SUBCHAPTER B. POWERS AND DUTIES

2 Sec. 9046.051. GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES. The district has
3 the powers and duties necessary to accomplish the purposes for
4 which the district is created.

5 Sec. 9046.052. WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
6 POWERS AND DUTIES. The district has the powers and duties provided
7 by the general law of this state, including Chapters 49 and 51,
8 Water Code, applicable to water control and improvement districts
9 created under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution.

10 Sec. 9046.053. AUTHORITY FOR ROAD PROJECTS. Under Section
11 52, Article III, Texas Constitution, the district may design,
12 acquire, construct, finance, issue bonds for, improve, operate,
13 maintain, and convey to this state, a county, or a municipality for
14 operation and maintenance macadamized, graveled, or paved roads, or
15 improvements, including storm drainage, in aid of those roads.

16 Sec. 9046.054. ROAD STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS. (a) A road
17 project must meet all applicable construction standards, zoning and
18 subdivision requirements, and regulations of each municipality in
19 whose corporate limits or extraterritorial jurisdiction the road
20 project is located.

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

26 (c) If the state will maintain and operate the road, the
27 Texas Transportation Commission must approve the plans and

1 specifications of the road project.

2 SUBCHAPTER C. BONDS AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS

3 Sec. 9046.101. AUTHORITY TO ISSUE BONDS AND OTHER
4 OBLIGATIONS FOR ROAD PROJECTS. (a) The district may issue bonds or
5 other obligations payable wholly or partly from ad valorem taxes,
6 impact fees, revenue, contract payments, grants, or other district
7 money, or any combination of those sources, to pay for a road
8 project authorized by Section 9046.053.

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

13 (c) At the time of issuance, the total principal amount of
14 bonds or other obligations issued or incurred to finance road
15 projects and payable from ad valorem taxes may not exceed
16 one-fourth of the assessed value of real property in the district.

17 Sec. 9046.102. TAXES FOR BONDS. At the time the district
18 issues bonds payable wholly or partly from ad valorem taxes, the
19 board shall provide for the annual imposition of a continuing
20 direct ad valorem tax, without limit as to rate or amount, while all
21 or part of the bonds are outstanding.

22 SECTION 2. The Canyon Falls Water Control and Improvement
23 District No. 2 of Denton County retains all the rights, powers,
24 privileges, authority, duties, and functions that it had before the
25 effective date of this Act.

26 SECTION 3. (a) The legal notice of the intention to
27 introduce this Act, setting forth the general substance of this

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

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

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

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

17 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
18 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
19 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
20 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
21 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.