

AN ACT

relating to the powers and duties of the Montgomery County Water Control and Improvement District No. 3.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 9040, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Section 9040.105 to read as follows:

Sec. 9040.105. POWERS AND DUTIES RELATED TO FILL PROJECTS.

(a) The district has the powers and duties provided by the general law of this state, including Chapters 49 and 57, Water Code, applicable to levee improvement districts created under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution.

(b) The district may:

(1) reclaim land in the district; and

(2) construct works, facilities, and improvements necessary to accomplish that purpose.

(c) The district may finance and contract for the construction of a fill project or for the acquisition of land for a fill project in the district, including drainage and reclamation.

(d) For the district's exercise of a power of or performance of a duty of a levee improvement district as provided by Subsection (c), the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality shall consider the district to be a levee improvement district.

(e) For any fill or levee project located in the district

1 and in the watershed of the San Jacinto River Basin, the district
2 shall obtain approval for the plan from any state or federal agency
3 with jurisdiction to permit a project of the same type and from any
4 municipality with a right to divert state water from a point located
5 between the district and Lake Houston.

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

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

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

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

24 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
25 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
26 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
27 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

1 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 320 passed the Senate on April 11, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 25, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 320 passed the House, with amendment, on May 22, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 148, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor