

1-1 By: Eltife S.B. No. 1879  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed April 8, 2013; April 9, 2013, read  
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Intergovernmental  
1-4 Relations; April 29, 2013, reported favorably by the following  
1-5 vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; April 29, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	Hinojosa	X		
1-9	Nichols	X		
1-10	Garcia	X		
1-11	Paxton	X		
1-12	Taylor	X		

1-13 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-14 AN ACT

1-15 relating to the powers of the TexAmericas Center.  
1-16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:  
1-17 SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 3503.003, Special  
1-18 District Local Laws Code, is amended to read as follows:  
1-19 (a) The authority is created to:  
1-20 (1) accept title on approval by, and in coordination  
1-21 with, the governor to all or a portion of the property on, adjacent  
1-22 to, or related to the property described by Section 3503.004 from  
1-23 the United States;  
1-24 (2) promote the location and development of new  
1-25 businesses, industries, and commercial activities on or related to  
1-26 the property;  
1-27 (3) undertake a project the board considers necessary  
1-28 or incidental to the industrial, commercial, or business  
1-29 development, redevelopment, maintenance, and expansion of new or  
1-30 existing businesses on and for the property described by Section  
1-31 3503.004, including the acquisition, construction, operation,  
1-32 maintenance, repair, rehabilitation, replacement, improvement,  
1-33 extension, expansion, or enhancement of:  
1-34 (A) roads, bridges, and rights-of-way;  
1-35 (B) housing;  
1-36 (C) property;  
1-37 (D) police, fire, medical, cultural,  
1-38 educational, and research services, equipment, institutions, and  
1-39 resources;  
1-40 (E) other community support services;  
1-41 (F) flood control, water, wastewater treatment,  
1-42 natural gas, electricity, solid waste disposal, steam generation,  
1-43 communications, and all other utility facilities and services;  
1-44 (G) other infrastructure improvements; and  
1-45 (H) any other services or facilities acquired by  
1-46 the authority from the United States; ~~and~~  
1-47 (4) promote or support an active military base located  
1-48 in the same county as the authority to prevent closure or  
1-49 realignment of the base and attract new military missions to the  
1-50 base; and  
1-51 (5) exercise the powers granted to a conservation and  
1-52 reclamation district under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas  
1-53 Constitution.  
1-54 SECTION 2. Subsection (b), Section 3503.101, Special  
1-55 District Local Laws Code, is amended to read as follows:  
1-56 (b) The authority may exercise any power or duty necessary  
1-57 or appropriate to carry out a project described by Section  
1-58 3503.003(a)(3) and the purposes of this chapter, including the  
1-59 power to:  
1-60 (1) sue and be sued, and plead and be impleaded, in its  
1-61 own name;

- 2-1 (2) adopt an official seal;
- 2-2 (3) adopt, enforce, and amend rules for the conduct of  
2-3 its affairs;
- 2-4 (4) acquire, hold, own, pledge, and dispose of its  
2-5 revenue, income, receipts, and money from any source;
- 2-6 (5) select its depository;
- 2-7 (6) acquire, own, rent, lease, accept, hold, or  
2-8 dispose of any property, or any interest in property, including  
2-9 rights or easements, in performing its duties and exercising its  
2-10 powers under this chapter, by purchase, exchange, gift, assignment,  
2-11 sale, lease, or other method;
- 2-12 (7) hold, manage, operate, or improve the property;
- 2-13 (8) sell, assign, lease, encumber, mortgage, or  
2-14 otherwise dispose of property, or any interest in property, and  
2-15 relinquish a property right, title, claim, lien, interest,  
2-16 easement, or demand, however acquired;
- 2-17 (9) perform an activity authorized by Subdivision (8)  
2-18 by public or private sale, with or without public bidding,  
2-19 notwithstanding any other law;
- 2-20 (10) lease or rent any land and building, structure,  
2-21 or facility from or to any person to carry out a chapter purpose;
- 2-22 (11) request and accept an appropriation, grant,  
2-23 allocation, subsidy, guarantee, aid, service, labor, material, or  
2-24 gift, from the federal government, the state, a public agency or  
2-25 political subdivision, or any other source;
- 2-26 (12) operate and maintain an office and appoint and  
2-27 determine the duties, tenure, qualifications, and compensation of  
2-28 officers, employees, agents, professional advisors and counselors,  
2-29 including financial consultants, accountants, attorneys,  
2-30 architects, engineers, appraisers, and financing experts, as  
2-31 considered necessary or advisable by the board;
- 2-32 (13) borrow money and issue bonds, payable solely from  
2-33 all or a portion of any authority revenue, by resolution or order of  
2-34 the board and without the necessity of an election;
- 2-35 (14) set and collect rents, rates, fees, and charges  
2-36 regarding the property and any services provided by the authority;
- 2-37 (15) exercise the powers Chapters 373 and 380, Local  
2-38 Government Code, grant to a municipality for the development of  
2-39 housing and expansion of economic development and commercial  
2-40 activity;
- 2-41 (16) exercise the powers Chapter 49, Water Code,  
2-42 grants to a general-law district;
- 2-43 (17) exercise the powers Chapter 54, Water Code,  
2-44 grants to a municipal utility district;
- 2-45 (18) exercise the powers Chapter 552, Transportation  
2-46 Code, grants to a road utility district;
- 2-47 (19) exercise the powers Subchapter C, Chapter 271,  
2-48 Local Government Code, grants to a municipality or county;
- 2-49 (20) exercise the powers Chapter 552 [~~402~~], Local  
2-50 Government Code, grants to a municipality for the provision of  
2-51 municipal utilities;
- 2-52 (21) contract and be contracted with, in the  
2-53 authority's own name, another person in the performance of the  
2-54 authority's powers or duties to carry out a project described by  
2-55 Section 3503.003(a)(3), or to accomplish the purposes of this  
2-56 chapter for a period of years, on the terms, and by competitive  
2-57 bidding or by negotiated contract, all as the board considers  
2-58 appropriate, desirable, and in the best interests of the authority  
2-59 and the accomplishment of chapter purposes;
- 2-60 (22) acquire, hold, own, sell, assign, lease,  
2-61 encumber, mortgage, or otherwise dispose of any real, personal, or  
2-62 mixed property located outside the perimeter of the property  
2-63 described by Section 3503.004 if the other property enhances or  
2-64 facilitates the development, redevelopment, maintenance, or  
2-65 expansion of new and existing businesses, industry, or commercial  
2-66 activity on the property;
- 2-67 (23) exercise the powers Chapter 22, Transportation  
2-68 Code, grants to a municipality or county;
- 2-69 (24) exercise the powers Chapter 379B, Local

3-1 Government Code, grants to a defense base development authority;  
3-2 [~~and~~]  
3-3 (25) exercise the powers of a municipality under  
3-4 Chapters 211 and 212, Local Government Code, in the territory of the  
3-5 authority, including an area of the authority that is in the  
3-6 boundaries of a municipality's limited purpose jurisdiction and  
3-7 extraterritorial jurisdiction. On annexation of an area of the  
3-8 authority for full purposes by a municipality, the authority's  
3-9 power to regulate the area under Chapters 211 and 212 expires. The  
3-10 authority regains the power in an area if the municipality  
3-11 disannexes the area; and

3-12 (26) fund and carry out a project the board determines  
3-13 will promote or support an active military base located in the same  
3-14 county as the authority to prevent closure or realignment of the  
3-15 base and attract new military missions to the base, including a  
3-16 project to create jobs, retain jobs, grant or loan money to a  
3-17 federal entity, make improvements to infrastructure, buildings, or  
3-18 land, or acquire land.

3-19 SECTION 3. (a) The legal notice of the intention to  
3-20 introduce this Act, setting forth the general substance of this  
3-21 Act, has been published as provided by law, and the notice and a  
3-22 copy of this Act have been furnished to all persons, agencies,  
3-23 officials, or entities to which they are required to be furnished  
3-24 under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, and Chapter 313,  
3-25 Government Code.

3-26 (b) The governor, one of the required recipients, has  
3-27 submitted the notice and Act to the Texas Commission on  
3-28 Environmental Quality.

3-29 (c) The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has filed  
3-30 its recommendations relating to this Act with the governor, the  
3-31 lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of  
3-32 representatives within the required time.

3-33 (d) All requirements of the constitution and laws of this  
3-34 state and the rules and procedures of the legislature with respect  
3-35 to the notice, introduction, and passage of this Act are fulfilled  
3-36 and accomplished.

3-37 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
3-38 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
3-39 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
3-40 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
3-41 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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