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H.B. No. 2343

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the Generation Park Management District.

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

SECTION 1. Section 3916.002, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 3916.002. CREATION AND NATURE OF DISTRICT; IMMUNITY.

(a) The Generation Park Management District is a special district created under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution.

(b) The district is a governmental unit under Chapter 101, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, and the operations of the district are essential government functions and are not proprietary functions for any purpose, including the application of Chapter 101, Civil Practice and Remedies Code.

(c) This chapter does not waive any governmental or sovereign immunity from suit, liability, or judgment that would otherwise apply to the district.

SECTION 2. Section 3916.006, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended by amending Subsection (d) and adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

(d) The district will:

(1) promote the health, safety, and general welfare of residents, employers, potential employees, employees, visitors, and consumers in the district, and of the public;

(2) provide needed funding for the district to

1 preserve, maintain, and enhance the economic health and vitality of  
2 the district territory as a community and business center;

3 (3) promote the health, safety, welfare, and enjoyment  
4 of the public by providing pedestrian ways, road facilities,  
5 transit facilities, parking facilities, conduit facilities, rail  
6 facilities and other enhanced infrastructure, [~~and~~] recreational  
7 facilities, and public art and by landscaping and developing  
8 certain areas, which are necessary for the restoration,  
9 preservation, and enhancement of scenic and aesthetic beauty; and

10 (4) provide for water, wastewater, and drainage[~~,  
11 road, rail, and recreational~~] facilities for the district.

12 (f) The district will not act as the agent or  
13 instrumentality of any private interest even though the district  
14 will benefit many private interests as well as the public.

15 SECTION 3. Section 3916.008, Special District Local Laws  
16 Code, is amended to read as follows:

17 Sec. 3916.008. ELIGIBILITY FOR INCLUSION IN SPECIAL  
18 ZONES. All or any part of the area of the district is eligible to  
19 be included in one or more of the following:

20 (1) a tax increment reinvestment zone created under  
21 Chapter 311, Tax Code;

22 (2) a tax abatement reinvestment zone created under  
23 Chapter 312, Tax Code;

24 (3) an enterprise zone created under Chapter 2303,  
25 Government Code;

26 (4) a foreign trade zone created under Chapter 681,  
27 Business & Commerce Code; or

1           (5) an industrial district created under Chapter 42,  
2 Local Government Code.

3           SECTION 4. Section [3916.011](#), Special District Local Laws  
4 Code, is amended to read as follows:

5           Sec. 3916.011. CONFLICTS OF LAW. This chapter prevails  
6 over any provision of general law, including a provision of Chapter  
7 375, Local Government Code, or Chapter 49, Water Code, that is in  
8 conflict or inconsistent with this chapter.

9           SECTION 5. Subchapter B, Chapter 3916, Special District  
10 Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Section 3916.054 to read as  
11 follows:

12           Sec. 3916.054. DISQUALIFICATION OF DIRECTORS. Section  
13 [49.052](#), Water Code, applies to the district.

14           SECTION 6. Section [3916.103](#), Special District Local Laws  
15 Code, is amended to read as follows:

16           Sec. 3916.103. RECREATIONAL FACILITIES. The district may  
17 develop or finance recreational facilities as authorized by Chapter  
18 375, Local Government Code, Sections [52](#) and [52-a](#), Article III,  
19 Texas Constitution, Section [59](#), Article XVI, Texas Constitution,  
20 and any other law that applies to the district.

21           SECTION 7. Section [3916.104](#), Special District Local Laws  
22 Code, is amended to read as follows:

23           Sec. 3916.104. AUTHORITY FOR ROAD PROJECTS. Under Section  
24 [52](#), Article III, Texas Constitution, the district may own, operate,  
25 maintain, design, acquire, construct, finance, issue bonds, notes,  
26 or other obligations for, and improve~~[, and convey to this state, a~~  
27 ~~county, or a municipality for operation and maintenance]~~

1 macadamized, graveled, or paved roads or improvements, including  
2 storm drainage and other improvements located in or adjacent to  
3 road rights-of-way, in aid of those roads.

4 SECTION 8. Sections 3916.105(a) and (b), Special District  
5 Local Laws Code, are amended to read as follows:

6 (a) The district may [~~shall~~] convey a road project  
7 authorized by Section 3916.104 to:

8 (1) the municipality or county that will operate and  
9 maintain the road if the municipality or county has approved the  
10 plans and specifications of the road project; or

11 (2) the state if the state will operate and maintain  
12 the road and the Texas Transportation Commission has approved the  
13 plans and specifications of the road project.

14 (b) Except as provided by Subsection (c), the district shall  
15 operate and maintain a road project authorized by Section 3916.104  
16 that the district implements and does [~~is~~] not convey to [~~approved~~  
17 ~~by~~] a municipality, a county, or this state under Subsection (a).

18 SECTION 9. Section 3916.110, Special District Local Laws  
19 Code, is amended to read as follows:

20 Sec. 3916.110. LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES. Section 49.216,  
21 Water Code, applies to the district [~~To protect the public~~  
22 ~~interest, the district may contract with a qualified party,~~  
23 ~~including the county or the city, to provide law enforcement~~  
24 ~~services in the district for a separate fee or as otherwise provided~~  
25 ~~by the contract].~~

26 SECTION 10. Section 3916.116(a), Special District Local  
27 Laws Code, is amended to read as follows:

1 (a) Subchapter I, Chapter 49, Water Code, applies to a  
2 district contract for construction work, equipment, materials, or  
3 machinery. Notwithstanding Sections 2269.003(a) and 2269.352,  
4 Government Code, the [The] district may use any [a] project  
5 delivery method described by Subchapter I, Chapter 49, Water Code,  
6 or Chapter 2269 [2267], Government Code, including a delivery  
7 method described by Subchapter H, Chapter 2269, Government Code.

8 SECTION 11. Subchapter C, Chapter 3916, Special District  
9 Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Section 3916.119 to read as  
10 follows:

11 Sec. 3916.119. FIREFIGHTING AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL  
12 SERVICES. (a) Subchapter L, Chapter 49, Water Code, applies to the  
13 district.

14 (b) The district may remove all or part of the district's  
15 territory from a district providing firefighting or emergency  
16 medical services in the same manner a municipality annexing  
17 territory in such a district may remove that territory. The  
18 district may remove that territory regardless of whether the  
19 territory was originally included in such a district or was  
20 subsequently annexed.

21 (c) On the removal of territory under Subsection (b), each  
22 district from which territory was removed shall change its records  
23 to show that the territory has been disannexed and shall cease to  
24 provide further services to the residents of that territory.

25 (d) The district's right to remove territory under  
26 Subsection (b) is conditioned on the execution of an agreement for  
27 the removal of the territory entered into under Chapter 791,

1 Government Code, or other applicable law, between the district and  
2 each district from which the territory will be removed. The  
3 agreement may include terms for the payment of funds from the  
4 district's current revenues for the continued provision of  
5 firefighting or emergency medical services to the district or such  
6 other lawful terms that the parties consider appropriate.

7 (e) The disannexation of territory under this section does  
8 not diminish or impair the rights of the holders of any outstanding  
9 and unpaid bonds, warrants, or other obligations, including loans  
10 and lease-purchase agreements, of the district from which the  
11 territory was removed.

12 SECTION 12. Section 3916.153, Special District Local Laws  
13 Code, is amended to read as follows:

14 Sec. 3916.153. RULES. (a) The district has the general  
15 power and duty to adopt and enforce rules as provided by Section  
16 375.096(c), Local Government Code.

17 (b) The district may adopt and enforce rules covering its  
18 public transit system or its public parking facilities, except that  
19 a rule relating to or affecting the use of the public right-of-way  
20 or a requirement for off-street parking is subject to  
21 all applicable county requirements.

22 SECTION 13. Section 3916.351, Special District Local Laws  
23 Code, is amended to read as follows:

24 Sec. 3916.351. DISSOLUTION OF DISTRICT [~~WITH OUTSTANDING~~  
25 ~~DEBT~~]. Notwithstanding Section 375.263(b), Local Government Code,  
26 on dissolution of the district, the board shall determine whether  
27 the district's assets will escheat to the state or are transferred

1 to a political subdivision of the state. [~~(a) The board may dissolve~~  
2 ~~the district regardless of whether the district has debt. Section~~  
3 ~~375.264, Local Government Code, does not apply to the district.~~

4 [~~(b) If the district has debt when it is dissolved, the~~  
5 ~~district shall remain in existence solely for the purpose of~~  
6 ~~discharging its debts. The dissolution is effective when all debts~~  
7 ~~have been discharged.]~~

8 SECTION 14. The change in law made by Section 3916.054,  
9 Special District Local Laws Code, as added by this Act, does not  
10 affect the entitlement of a member serving on the board of directors  
11 of the Generation Park Management District immediately before the  
12 effective date of this Act to continue to carry out the board's  
13 functions for the remainder of the member's term. The change in law  
14 applies only to a member elected on or after the effective date of  
15 this Act.

16 SECTION 15. (a) The legal notice of the intention to  
17 introduce this Act, setting forth the general substance of this  
18 Act, has been published as provided by law, and the notice and a  
19 copy of this Act have been furnished to all persons, agencies,  
20 officials, or entities to which they are required to be furnished  
21 under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, and Chapter 313,  
22 Government Code.

23 (b) The governor, one of the required recipients, has  
24 submitted the notice and Act to the Texas Commission on  
25 Environmental Quality.

26 (c) The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has filed  
27 its recommendations relating to this Act with the governor, the

1 lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of  
2 representatives within the required time.

3 (d) All requirements of the constitution and laws of this  
4 state and the rules and procedures of the legislature with respect  
5 to the notice, introduction, and passage of this Act are fulfilled  
6 and accomplished.

7 SECTION 16. This Act takes effect immediately if it  
8 receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each  
9 house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution.  
10 If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate  
11 effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2015.