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                                     A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
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                                              AN ACT
       relating to the creation of the Burnet County Municipal Utility
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       District No. 1; granting a limited power of eminent domain;
       providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose
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       assessments, fees, and taxes.
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               BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
SECTION 1. Subtitle F, Title 6, Special District Local Laws
       Code, is amended by adding Chapter 7913 to read as follows:
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          CHAPTER 7913.
                             BURNET COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1
                             SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS
001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:
"Board" means the district's board of directors.
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                      7913.001.
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                            "Commission" means the Texas Commission
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       Environmental Quality.
                             "Director" means a board member.
"District" means the Burnet
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       Utility District No. 1.

Sec. 7913.002. NATURE OF DISTRICT.
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                                                                   The district
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       municipal utility district created under Section 59, Article XVI,
       Texas Constitution.
Sec. 7913.003.
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                      7913.003. CONFIRMATION AND DIRECTORS' ELECTION The temporary directors shall hold an election to
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       confirm the creation of the district and to elect five permanent
       directors as provided by Section 49.102, Water Code.
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               Sec. 7913.004. FINDINGS OF PUBLIC PURPOSE AND BENEFIT. (strict is created to serve a public purpose and benefit.

(b) The district is created to accomplish the purposes of:
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       The district
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                      (1) a municipal utility district as provided
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       general law and Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution; and
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                      (2) Section 52, Article III, Texas Constitution, that
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       relate to the construction, acquisition, improvement, operation, or maintenance of macadamized, graveled, or paved roads, or
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       improvements, including storm drainage, in aid of those roads.
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               Sec. 7913.005. INITIAL DISTRICT TERRITORY.
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       district is initially composed of the territory described by
       Section 2 of the Act enacting this chapter.

(b) The boundaries and field notes contained in Section 2 of
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       the Act enacting this chapter form a closure. A mistake made in the
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       field notes or in copying the field notes in the legislative process
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for which the district is created or to pay the principal of and

(3) right to impose a tax; or

(1) organization, existence, or validity;(2) right to issue any type of bond for the purposes

does not affect the district's:

interest on a bond;

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1-60 1-61 (4) legality or operation.

SUBCHAPTER B. BOARD OF DIRECTORS 7913.051. GOVERNING BODY; TERMS. (a) The district is governed by a board of five elected directors.

(b) Except as provided by Section 7913.052, directors serve

staggered four-year terms.

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Sec. 7913.052. TEMPORARY DIRECTORS. (a) On or after the effective date of the Act enacting this chapter, the owner or owners of a majority of the assessed value of the real property in the district may submit a petition to the commission requesting that the commission appoint as temporary directors the five persons named in the petition. The commission shall appoint as temporary directors the five persons named in the petition.

(b)

Temporary directors serve until the earlier of:
(1) the date permanent directors are elected under Section 7913.003; or

(2) the fourth anniversary of the effective date of the Act enacting this chapter.

- (c) If permanent directors have not been elected under Section 7913.003 and the terms of the temporary directors have expired, successor temporary directors shall be appointed or reappointed as provided by Subsection (d) to serve terms that expire on the earlier of:
- (1) the date permanent directors are elected under Section 7913.003; or

(2) the fourth anniversary of the date of the

appointment or reappointment.

(d) If Subsection (c) applies, the owner or owners of a majority of the assessed value of the real property in the district may submit a petition to the commission requesting that the commission appoint as successor temporary directors the five persons named in the petition. The commission shall appoint as successor temporary directors the five persons named in the petition.

- SUBCHAPTER C. POWERS AND DUTIES 7913.101. GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES. The district has the powers and duties necessary to accomplish the purposes for which the district is created.
- Sec. 7913.102. MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT POWERS AND DUTIES. The district has the powers and duties provided by the general law of this state, including Chapters 49 and 54, Water Code, applicable to municipal utility districts created under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution.
- Sec. 7913.103. AUTHORITY FOR ROAD PROJECTS. Under Section 52, Article III, Texas Constitution, and Section 53.029(c), Water Code, 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. 7913.104. 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 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,

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

Sec. 7913.105. STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT. The district may negotiate and enter into a written strategic partnership agreement with a municipality under Section 43.0751, Local Government Code.
Sec. 7913.106. DIVISION OF DISTRICT. (a) The district may

be divided into two or more new districts only if the district:

- has no outstanding bonded debt;
- (2) is not imposing ad valorem taxes.

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- This chapter applies to any new district created by the (b) division of the district, and a new district has all the powers and duties of the district.
- (c) Any new district created by the division of the district may not, at the time the new district is created, contain any land outside the area described by Section 2 of the Act creating this chapter.
- (d) (d) The board, on its own motion or on receipt of a petition signed by the owner or owners of a majority of the assessed value of the real property in the district, may adopt an order dividing the
- (e) The board may adopt an order dividing the district before or after the date the board holds an election under Section 7913.003 to confirm the district's creation.
 - An order dividing the district shall: (f)
 - (1) name each new district;
 - include the metes and bounds of each new district;
- (3) appoint temporary directors for each new district or provide that the owner or owners of a majority of the assessed value of the real property in each new district may submit a petition to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality requesting that the commission appoint as temporary directors the
- five persons named in the petition; and
 (4) provide for the division of assets and liabilities between or among the new districts.
- (q) On or before the 30th day after the date of adoption of order dividing the district, the district shall file the order with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and record the order in the real property records of each county in which the district is located.
- (h) Any new district created by the division of the district shall hold a confirmation and directors' election as required by 7913.003. Section A new district that is not confirmed is subject to dissolution under general law.
- (i) Any new district created by the division of the district hold an election as required by this chapter to obtain voter approval before the district may impose a maintenance tax or issue bonds payable wholly or partly from ad valorem taxes.

 SUBCHAPTER D. GENERAL FINANCIAL PROVISIONS
- 7913.151. ELECTIONS REGARDING TAXES OR BONDS. (a) The district may issue, without an election, bonds and other obligations secured by:

 - (1) revenue other than ad valorem taxes; or(2) contract payments described by Section 7913.153.
- The district must hold an election in the manner provided by Chapters 49 and 54, Water Code, to obtain voter approval before the district may impose an ad valorem tax or issue bonds from ad valorem taxes.
- (c) The district may not issue bonds payable from ad valorem taxes to finance a road project unless the issuance is approved by a vote of a two-thirds majority of the district voters voting at an election held for that purpose.
- Sec. 7913.152. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE TAX. (a) If authorized at an election held under Section 7913.151, the district OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE may impose an operation and maintenance tax on taxable property in the district in accordance with Section 49.107, Water Code.
- (b) The board shall determine the tax rate. The rate may not
- exceed the rate approved at the election.
 Sec. 7913.153. CONTRACT TAXES. (a) In accordance with Section 49.108, Water Code, the district may impose a tax other than an operation and maintenance tax and use the revenue derived from the tax to make payments under a contract after the provisions of the contract have been approved by a majority of the district voters voting at an election held for that purpose.
- 3-67 (b) A contract approved by the district voters may contain a provision stating that the contract may be modified or amended by 3-68 3-69 the board without further voter approval.

SUBCHAPTER E. ASSESSMENTS; APPLICABILITY OF IMPACT FEES AND

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ASSESSMENTS PETITION 7913.201. REQUIRED FINANCING FOR RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND IMPROVEMENTS WITH ASSESSMENTS. (a)

Except as provided by this subchapter, the board may finance a recreational facility or improvement with assessments on property under this subchapter, but only if:

a written petition requesting that facility or improvement has been filed with the board; and

(2) the board holds a hearing on the proposed assessments.

(b) The petition must be signed by the owners of a majority the assessed value of real property in the district subject to assessment according to the most recent certified tax appraisal roll for the county.

7913.202. METHOD OF NOTICE FOR HEARING. Sec. The district mail notice of the hearing to each property owner in the district who will be subject to the assessment at the current address to be assessed as reflected on the tax rolls. The district may mail the notice by certified or first class United States mail. The board shall determine the method of notice.

Sec. 7913.203. ASSESSMENTS; LIENS FOR ASSESSMENTS. (a) An assessment or a reassessment imposed under this subchapter by the district, penalties and interest on an assessment or reassessment, expense of collection, and reasonable attorney's fees incurred by the district:

(1)___ are a first and prior lien against the property assessed;

(2) are superior to any other lien or claim other than a lien or claim for county, school district, or municipal ad valorem taxes; and

are the personal liability of and a charge against of the property even if the owners are not named in the the owners assessment proceedings.

(b) The lien is effective from the date of the board's resolution imposing the assessment until the date the assessment is The board may enforce the lien in the same manner that the paid. board may enforce an ad valorem tax lien against real property.

The board may make a correction to or deletion from the (c) assessment roll that does not increase the amount of assessment of any parcel of land without providing notice and holding a hearing in the manner required for additional assessments.

7913.204. UTILITY PROPERTY EXEMPT FROM IMPACT FEES AND ASSESSMENTS. The district may not impose an impact fee or property, the including the equipment, assessment on rights-of-way, facilities, or improvements, of:

(1) an electric utility or a power generation company

as defined by Section 31.002, Utilities Code;
(2) a gas utility as defined by Section 101.003 or 121.001, Utilities Code;

(3) telecommunications provider as defined a bу Section 51. 002, Utilities Code; or

(4)a person who provides to the public cable television or advanced telecommunications services.

SUBCHAPTER F. BONDS AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS

ISSUE 7913.251. AUTHORITY ТО BONDS AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS. The district may issue bonds or other obligations impact fees, payable wholly or partly from ad valorem taxes, revenue, contract payments, grants, or other district money, or any combination of those sources, to pay for any authorized district purpose.

7913.252. TAXES FOR BONDS. At the time the district issues bonds payable wholly or partly from ad valorem taxes, the board shall provide for the annual imposition of a continuing direct ad valorem tax, without limit as to rate or amount, while all or part of the bonds are outstanding as required and in the manner provided by Sections 54.601 and 54.602, Water Code.

Sec. 7913.253. BONDS FOR ROAD PROJECTS. At the time of issuance, the total principal amount of bonds or other obligations

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issued or incurred to finance road projects and payable from ad valorem taxes may not exceed one-fourth of the assessed value of the real property in the district.

SUBCHAPTER G. DEFINED AREAS
Sec. 7913.301. AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH DEFINED AREAS OR
ATED PROPERTY. The district may define areas or designate DESIGNATED PROPERTY. certain property of the district to pay for improvements, facilities, or services that primarily benefit that area or property and do not generally and directly benefit the district as a whole.

PROCEDURE FOR ELECTION. 7913.302. (a) district may impose an ad valorem tax or issue bonds payable from ad valorem taxes of the defined area or designated property, the board shall hold an election in the defined area or in the designated property only.

(b) The board may submit the issues to the voters on the same

ballot to be used in another election.

Sec. 7913.303. DECLARING RESULT AND ISSUING ORDER. (a) If a majority of the voters voting at the election approve the proposition or propositions, the board shall declare the results and, by order, shall establish the defined area and describe it by metes and bounds or designate the specific property.

(b) A court may not review the board's order except on the ground of fraud, palpable error, or arbitrary and confiscatory

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abuse of discretion. Sec. 7913.304. Sec. 7913.304. TAXES FOR SERVICES, IMPROVEMENTS, AND FACILITIES IN DEFINED AREAS OR DESIGNATED PROPERTY. On voter approval and adoption of the order described by Section 7913.303, the district may apply separately, differently, equitably, and specifically its taxing power and lien authority to the defined area or designated property to provide money to construct, administer, maintain, and operate services, improvements, and facilities that primarily benefit the defined area or designated property.

Sec. 7913.305. ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR DEFINED AREA OR DESIGNATED PROPERTY. After the order under Section 7913.303 is adopted, the district may issue bonds to provide for any land, improvements, facilities, plants, equipment, and appliances for

the defined area or designated property.

SECTION 2. The Burnet County Municipal Utility District No. 1 initially includes all the territory contained in the following

Being a parcel of land situated in the GC&SF RR CO Survey, Section 330, Grantee - J.N. Crawford, Abstract Number 1772, the HE&WT RR CO Survey, Section 304, Grantee - J.N. Crawford, Abstract Number 1833, the T&NO RR CO Survey, Section 2, Grantee - C.F. Burton, Abstract Number 1756 and the Maria Catalina Salinas Survey Number 17, Abstract Number 776 and being a portion of a parcel of land as described in the deed to Hines HWY 71, Limited Partnership recorded under Instrument Number 2007-9805 of the Official Public Records of Burnet County, Texas (hereafter referred to as the Hines Tract), being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a 12 inch diameter steel fence corner post found at the northwest corner of said Hines Tract;

THENCE the following nineteen (19) calls coincident with the perimeter and to the corners of said Hines Tract:

- 1. NORTH 88 degrees 07 minutes 25 seconds EAST, 160.65 feet to a found 1/2 inch rebar;
- 2. NORTH 88 degrees 11 minutes 33 seconds EAST, 381.95 feet to a found 1/2 inch rebar;
- 3. NORTH 88 degrees 17 minutes 11 seconds EAST, 557.49 feet to a found cotton gin spindle in the base of a 24 inch Live Oak;
- 4. NORTH 87 degrees 48 minutes 14 seconds EAST, 106.07 feet to a found 1/2 inch rebar;
- 5. NORTH 88 degrees 40 minutes 10 seconds EAST, 340.08 feet to a found 1/2 inch rebar;
- 6. NORTH 88 degrees 21 minutes 35 seconds EAST, 161.15 feet to a found 60D nail in the base of a 18 inch Cedar;
 - 7. NORTH 88 degrees 02 minutes 57 seconds EAST, 588.76 feet

6-1 to a found 2.5 inch steel fence corner post;

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- 8. NORTH 01 degree 44 minutes 40 seconds WEST, 760.21 feet to a found 1/2 inch rebar;
 - 9. NORTH 01 degree 29 minutes 14 seconds WEST, 214.13 feet to a found 1/2 inch rebar;
 - 10. NORTH 01 degree 53 minutes 17 seconds WEST, 590.33 feet to a found 3/8 inch rebar;
 - 11. SOUTH 77 degrees 00 minutes 08 seconds EAST, 491.52 feet to a found 2.5 inch steel fence corner post;
 - 12. NORTH 87 degrees 53 minutes 14 seconds EAST, 1554.95 feet to a found 2.5 inch steel fence corner post;
 - 13. NORTH 00 degrees 38 minutes 32 seconds WEST, 566.01 feet to a found 1/2 inch capped rebar stamped "Bergman 3103";
 - 14. NORTH 00 degrees 28 minutes 11 seconds WEST, 406.18 feet to a found 1/2 inch capped rebar stamp illegible;
 - 15. NORTH 88 degrees 34 minutes 22 seconds EAST, 1439.89 feet to a found 1/2 inch rebar;
 - 16. NORTH 89 degrees 03 minutes 16 seconds EAST, 502.28 feet to a found 1/2 inch capped rebar stamped "Austin Surveyors";
 - 17. NORTH 88 degrees 53 minutes 10 seconds EAST, 977.10 feet to a found 1/2 inch rebar;
 - 18. SOUTH 01 degree 17 minutes 47 seconds EAST, 2875.44 feet to a found 3/8 inch rebar;
 - 19. SOUTH 01 degree 12 minutes 03 seconds EAST, 1145.50 feet to a set 1/2 inch capped rebar stamped "JPH LAND SURVEYING" set at the intersection of the east line of said Hines Tract with the Burnet-Travis County Line as described in Texas Senate Bill 1009, an Act of May 22, 2013, 83rd Legislature, Regular Session, Chapter 599, filed in the Office of the Texas Secretary of State; THENCE SOUTH 28 degrees 40 minutes 00 seconds WEST, with said Burnet-Travis County Line, passing at 738.26 feet a found rock mound noted as the 5th mile in the field notes by T. A. Chamberlain recorded under Document Number 50949 of the County Boundary Files for Burnet County in the Archives and Records of the Texas General Land Office, in the vicinity of said rock mound a 1/2 inch capped rebar stamped "Bergman RPLS 3103" lies northwesterly of said Burnet-Travis County Line 2.5 feet, continuing for a total distance of 1591.88 feet to a 1/2 inch capped rebar stamped "JPH LAND SURVEYING" set at the intersection of said Burnet-Travis County Line with a south line of said Hines Tract, from which a 6"x 6" x 44" tall concrete monument marked "T" on the east side, "B" on the west side and "1930" on the base found marking the corner of Burnet and Blanco Counties and on the Travis County line bears SOUTH 28 degrees 40 minutes 00 seconds WEST, 1343.39 feet, and from said concrete monument a 14 inch Live Oak Tree bears NORTH 86 degrees WEST, 16.5

THENCE the following six (6) calls coincident with the perimeter and to the corners of said Hines Tract:

- 1. SOUTH 88 degrees 48 minutes 34 seconds WEST, 406.38 feet to a found 1/2 inch rebar from which a found 5/8 inch capped rebar stamped "RPLS 453?" bears NORTH 28 degrees WEST, 0.3 feet;
- 2. SOUTH 88 degrees 51 minutes 05 seconds WEST, 283.38 feet to a found 60D nail in top of a 12 inch diameter fence corner post;
- 3. NORTH 01 degree 12 minutes 27 seconds WEST, 475.01 feet to a found cotton gin spindle;
- 6-56 4. SOUTH 88 degrees 57 minutes 29 seconds WEST, 1924.98 feet 6-57 to a set mag nail in rock;
 - 5. SOUTH 25 degrees 44 minutes 58 seconds WEST, 532.03 feet to a found 1/2 inch capped rebar stamped "RPLS 4?52";
- 6-60 6. SOUTH 06 degrees 38 minutes 28 seconds WEST, 387.56 feet 6-61 to a set 1/2 inch capped rebar stamped "JPH LAND SURVEYING" set at 6-62 the intersection of an easterly line of said Hines Tract with the 6-63 Burnet-Blanco County Line;

6-64 THENCE NORTH 71 degrees 49 minutes 50 seconds WEST, 2120.42 feet 6-65 with said Burnet-Blanco County Line to a 1/2 inch capped rebar 6-66 stamped "JPH LAND SURVEYING" set at the intersection of the east 6-67 right of way line of State Highway 71 (formerly known as R.M. 6-68 Highway 93) a 150-foot right of way, as described in the deed to the 6-69 State of Texas recorded in Volume 98, Pages 530 and 531 of the Deed

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Records of Burnet County, Texas with said Burnet-Blanco County Line, from which a calculated point being a deed call tie as 7-1 7-2 described in said deed to the State of Texas to said Burnet-Blanco 7-3 7-4 County Line bears NORTH 71 degrees 49 minutes 50 seconds WEST, 148.8 7-5 feet;

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THENCE the following four (4) calls coincident with the perimeter and to the corners of the east right of way line of said State Highway 71:

- 1. NORTH 48 degrees 03 minutes 28 seconds WEST, 518.91 feet to a Texas Department of Transportation 4 inch x 4 inch concrete right of way monument found at the beginning of a tangent curve concave to the northeast, having a radius of 2805.00 feet;
- 2. northwesterly an arc length of 1334.88 feet to a Texas Department of Transportation 4 inch x 4 inch concrete right of way monument found at the beginning of a tangent line to the aforementioned curve;
- 3. NORTH 20 degrees 47 minutes 28 seconds WEST, 635.31 feet to a Texas Department of Transportation 4 inch x 4 inch concrete right of way monument found at the beginning of a tangent curve concave to the southwest having a radius of 5790.00 feet;
 4. northerly an arc length of 596.51 feet to the POINT OF
- BEGINNING, containing 643.0 acres.
- SECTION 3. (a) The legal notice of the intention to introduce this Act, setting forth the general substance of this Act, has been published as provided by law, and the notice and a copy of this Act have been furnished to all persons, agencies, officials, or entities to which they are required to be furnished under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, and Chapter 313, Government Code.
- The governor, one of the required recipients, has the notice and Act to the Texas Commission on (b) submitted Environmental Quality.
- (c) The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has filed its recommendations relating to this Act with the governor, the governor, of the lieutenant and the speaker representatives within the required time.
- (d) All requirements of the constitution and laws of this state and the rules and procedures of the legislature with respect to the notice, introduction, and passage of this Act are fulfilled and accomplished.
- SECTION 4. If this Act does not receive a two-thirds (a) vote of all the members elected to each house, Subchapter C, Chapter 7913, Special District Local Laws Code, as added by Section 1 of this Act, is amended by adding Section 7913.107 to read as follows:
- Sec. 7913.107. NO EMINENT DOMAIN POWER. not exercise the power of eminent domain. The district may
- (b) This section is not intended to be an expression of a legislative interpretation of the requirements of Section 17(c), Article I, Texas Constitution.
- SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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