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H.B. No. 4196

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the powers and duties of the Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 65 of Fort Bend County, Texas; providing authority to issue bonds payable from taxes.

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 7945 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 7945. FORT BEND COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 65
OF FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS

SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 7945.001. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "district" means the Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 65 of Fort Bend County, Texas.

Sec. 7945.002. FINDINGS OF PUBLIC PURPOSE AND BENEFIT. (a) The district is created to serve a public purpose and benefit.

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

(1) a municipal utility 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.

SUBCHAPTER B. POWERS AND DUTIES

Sec. 7945.051. AUTHORITY FOR ROAD PROJECTS. Under Section

1 52, Article III, Texas Constitution, the district may design,
2 acquire, construct, finance, issue bonds for, improve, operate,
3 maintain, and convey to this state, a county, or a municipality for
4 operation and maintenance macadamized, graveled, or paved roads, or
5 improvements, including storm drainage, in aid of those roads.

6 Sec. 7945.052. ROAD STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS. (a) A road
7 project must meet all applicable construction standards, zoning and
8 subdivision requirements, and regulations of each municipality in
9 whose corporate limits or extraterritorial jurisdiction the road
10 project is located.

11 (b) If a road project is not located in the corporate limits
12 or extraterritorial jurisdiction of a municipality, the road
13 project must meet all applicable construction standards,
14 subdivision requirements, and regulations of each county in which
15 the road project is located.

16 (c) If the state will maintain and operate the road, the
17 Texas Transportation Commission must approve the plans and
18 specifications of the road project.

19 SUBCHAPTER C. BONDS

20 Sec. 7945.101. BONDS FOR ROAD PROJECTS. At the time of
21 issuance, the total principal amount of bonds or other obligations
22 issued or incurred to finance road projects and payable from ad
23 valorem taxes may not exceed one-fourth of the assessed value of the
24 real property in the district.

25 SECTION 2. (a) The legal notice of the intention to
26 introduce this Act, setting forth the general substance of this
27 Act, has been published as provided by law, and the notice and a

1 copy of this Act have been furnished to all persons, agencies,
2 officials, or entities to which they are required to be furnished
3 under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, and Chapter 313,
4 Government Code.

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

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

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

16 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
17 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
18 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
19 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
20 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.