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H.B. No. 4203

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the substitution of land within the boundaries of the Harris County Water Control and Improvement District No. 159 after the approval or issuance of district bonds payable wholly or partly from taxes.

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

SECTION 1. Subtitle I, Title 6, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Chapter 9069 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 9069. HARRIS COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT  
NO. 159

SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 9069.001. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "district" means the Harris County Water Control and Improvement District No. 159.

Sec. 9069.002. 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 a water control and improvement district as provided by general law and Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution.

SUBCHAPTER B. SUBSTITUTION OF LAND

Sec. 9069.051. SUBSTITUTING LAND OF AT LEAST EQUAL VALUE. After the district is organized and has obtained voter approval for the issuance of, or has sold, bonds payable wholly or partly from ad valorem taxes, land within the district boundaries subject to

1 taxation that does not need or utilize the services of the district  
2 may be excluded and other land not within the boundaries of the  
3 district may be included within the boundaries of the district  
4 without impairment of the security for payment of the bonds or  
5 invalidation of any prior bond election, as provided by this  
6 section and Sections 54.740 through 54.747, Water Code.

7 Sec. 9069.052. CONSTRUCTION OF SUBCHAPTER. This subchapter  
8 shall be construed to supplement and not to supplant the provisions  
9 of general law applicable to the exclusion of land from the district  
10 or the inclusion of land within the district.

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

18 (b) The governor, one of the required recipients, has  
19 submitted the notice and Act to the Texas Commission on  
20 Environmental Quality.

21 (c) The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has filed  
22 its recommendations relating to this Act with the governor, the  
23 lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of  
24 representatives within the required time.

25 (d) All requirements of the constitution and laws of this  
26 state and the rules and procedures of the legislature with respect  
27 to the notice, introduction, and passage of this Act are fulfilled

1 and accomplished.

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