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H.B. No. 1664

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to providing road powers to the Wood Trace Municipal
3 Utility District No. 1, of Montgomery County, Texas; providing
4 authority to issue bonds.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 8228.003(c), Special District Local Laws
7 Code, as effective April 1, 2017, is amended to read as follows:

8 (c) The creation of the district is essential to accomplish
9 the purposes of:

10 (1) a municipal utility district as provided by
11 general law and Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution; and

12 (2) Section 52, Article III, Texas Constitution, that
13 relate to the construction, acquisition, improvement, operation,
14 or maintenance of macadamized, graveled, or paved roads, or
15 improvements, including storm drainage, in aid of those roads.

16 SECTION 2. Subchapter C, Chapter 8228, Special District
17 Local Laws Code, as effective April 1, 2017, is amended by adding
18 Sections 8228.102 and 8228.103 to read as follows:

19 Sec. 8228.102. AUTHORITY FOR ROAD PROJECTS. Under Section
20 52, Article III, Texas Constitution, the district may design,
21 acquire, construct, finance, issue bonds for, improve, operate,
22 maintain, and convey to this state, a county, or a municipality for
23 operation and maintenance macadamized, graveled, or paved roads, or
24 improvements, including storm drainage, in aid of those roads.

1 Sec. 8228.103. ROAD STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS. (a) A road
2 project must meet all applicable construction standards, zoning and
3 subdivision requirements, and regulations of each municipality in
4 whose corporate limits or extraterritorial jurisdiction the road
5 project is located.

6 (b) If a road project is not located in the corporate limits
7 or extraterritorial jurisdiction of a municipality, the road
8 project must meet all applicable construction standards,
9 subdivision requirements, and regulations of each county in which
10 the road project is located.

11 (c) If the state will maintain and operate the road, the
12 Texas Transportation Commission must approve the plans and
13 specifications of the road project.

14 SECTION 3. Chapter 8228, Special District Local Laws Code,
15 as effective April 1, 2017, is amended by adding Subchapter D to
16 read as follows:

17 SUBCHAPTER D. BONDS

18 Sec. 8228.151. BONDS FOR ROAD PROJECTS. At the time of
19 issuance, the total principal amount of bonds or other obligations
20 issued or incurred to finance road projects and payable from ad
21 valorem taxes may not exceed one-fourth of the assessed value of the
22 real property in the district.

23 SECTION 4. (a) The legal notice of the intention to
24 introduce this Act, setting forth the general substance of this
25 Act, has been published as provided by law, and the notice and a
26 copy of this Act have been furnished to all persons, agencies,
27 officials, or entities to which they are required to be furnished

1 under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, and Chapter 313,
2 Government Code.

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

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

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

14 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
15 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
16 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
17 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
18 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.