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1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	Lucio	X			
1-9	Bettencourt	X			
1-10	Campbell	X			
1-11	Garcia	X			
1-12	Huffines	X			
1-13	Menéndez	X			
1-14	Taylor of Collin	Х			

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED 1-16 AN ACT

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relating to providing road district powers to the Montgomery County Municipal Utility District No. 131; providing authority to issue bonds.

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

SECTION 1. Subtitle F, Title 6, Special District Local Laws is amended by adding Chapter 7967 to read as follows: CHAPTER 7967. MONTGOMERY COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 131

SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

In this chapter, 7967.001. DEFINITION. means the Montgomery County Municipal Utility District No. 131.

Sec. 7967.002. 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

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. 7967.101. AUTHORITY FOR ROAD PROJECTS. Under Section Article III, Texas Constitution, 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. 7967.102. ROAD STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS. (a) A

Α 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.

SUBCHAPTER C. BONDS

 $\underline{\text{Sec. 7967.201.}}$   $\underline{\text{BONDS}}$  FOR ROAD PROJECTS. At the time of issuance, the total principal amount of bonds or other obligations <u>Sec. 7967.20</u>1. 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.

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SECTION 2. (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.

- (b) The governor, one of the required recipients, has submitted the notice and Act to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.
- (c) The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has filed its recommendations relating to this Act with the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of 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 3. 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, 2017.

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