

1-1 By: Taylor of Galveston S.B. No. 1489
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 8, 2017; March 20, 2017, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Agriculture, Water & Rural
 1-4 Affairs; April 11, 2017, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-5 Yeas 7, Nays 0; April 11, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	X			
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1-13	X			
1-14	X			

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

1-17 relating to the Gulf Coast Waste Disposal Authority.
 1-18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
 1-19 SECTION 1. Section 1.02, Chapter 409, Acts of the 61st
 1-20 Legislature, Regular Session, 1969, is amended to read as follows:
 1-21 Sec. 1.02. FINDINGS AND DECLARATION OF POLICY. It is hereby
 1-22 found and declared that the quality of waters in Chambers,
 1-23 Galveston, and Harris Counties is materially affected by the
 1-24 disposal of wastes throughout those counties; that regional
 1-25 approaches to studying water pollution in these counties, to
 1-26 planning corrective and preventive measures, to providing
 1-27 coordinated facilities for waste disposal, and to regulating waste
 1-28 disposal would be far more effective than efforts on a county-wide,
 1-29 city-wide, or smaller scale; that solid wastes, as well as other
 1-30 kinds of waste, may impair water quality by seepage, drainage, and
 1-31 otherwise; that creation of the Gulf Coast ~~[Waste Disposal]~~
 1-32 Authority would advance the established policy of the state to
 1-33 maintain the quality of the waters in the state consistent with the
 1-34 public health and public enjoyment thereof, the propagation and
 1-35 protection of terrestrial and aquatic life, the operation of
 1-36 existing industries, and the economic development of the state; and
 1-37 that impending shortage of water in the district for beneficial
 1-38 uses requires that all reasonable measures be taken to prevent and
 1-39 abate water pollution, and to reclaim polluted water for beneficial
 1-40 uses.
 1-41 SECTION 2. Section 1.03(a)(1), Chapter 409, Acts of the
 1-42 61st Legislature, Regular Session, 1969, is amended to read as
 1-43 follows:
 1-44 (1) "Authority" means the Gulf Coast ~~[Waste Disposal]~~
 1-45 Authority created by this Act.
 1-46 SECTION 3. Section 2.01, Chapter 409, Acts of the 61st
 1-47 Legislature, Regular Session, 1969, is amended to read as follows:
 1-48 Section 2.01. CREATION OF AUTHORITY. There is hereby
 1-49 created, pursuant to Article XVI, Section 59, of the Texas
 1-50 Constitution, a conservation and reclamation district to be known
 1-51 as the Gulf Coast ~~[Waste Disposal]~~ Authority, which shall be a
 1-52 governmental agency and body politic and corporate of the State of
 1-53 Texas. A confirmation election shall not be necessary.
 1-54 SECTION 4. Chapter 409, Acts of the 61st Legislature,
 1-55 Regular Session, 1969, is amended by adding Section 2.015 to read as
 1-56 follows:
 1-57 Sec. 2.015. NAME CHANGE. A reference in law to the Gulf
 1-58 Coast Waste Disposal Authority means the Gulf Coast Authority.
 1-59 SECTION 5. Section 8104.006, Special District Local Laws
 1-60 Code, is amended to read as follows:
 1-61 Sec. 8104.006. RELATIONSHIP TO GULF COAST ~~[WASTE DISPOSAL]~~

2-1 AUTHORITY. The rights, powers, privileges, and functions granted
2-2 to the authority under this chapter are subject to the powers
2-3 granted to the Gulf Coast [~~Waste Disposal~~] Authority in Chapter
2-4 409, Acts of the 61st Legislature, Regular Session, 1969 (Article
2-5 7621d-2, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), to provide disposal
2-6 systems.

2-7 SECTION 6. Section 8104.205, Special District Local Laws
2-8 Code, is amended to read as follows:

2-9 Sec. 8104.205. CONSENT REQUIRED FOR WASTE TREATMENT AND
2-10 DISPOSAL FACILITIES. Before acquiring or constructing a waste
2-11 treatment or disposal facility, the authority must obtain the
2-12 consent of the:

2-13 (1) Gulf Coast [~~Waste Disposal~~] Authority; or

2-14 (2) Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, if the
2-15 consent of the Gulf Coast [~~Waste Disposal~~] Authority is
2-16 unreasonably withheld or delayed.

2-17 SECTION 7. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-18 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-19 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-20 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-21 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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