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S.B. No. 2253

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to providing road powers to the Montgomery County
3 Municipal Utility District No. 101; providing authority to issue
4 bonds.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 8120.002, Special District Local Laws
7 Code, is amended to read as follows:

8 Sec. 8120.002. NATURE OF DISTRICT; FINDINGS OF PUBLIC
9 PURPOSE AND BENEFIT. (a) The district is created to serve a public
10 purpose and benefit [~~a municipal utility district in Montgomery~~
11 ~~County created under and essential to accomplish the purposes of~~
12 ~~Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution]~~.

13 (b) The creation of the district is essential to accomplish
14 the purposes of:

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

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

21 SECTION 2. Subchapter C, Chapter 8120, Special District
22 Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Sections 8120.104 and
23 8120.105 to read as follows:

24 Sec. 8120.104. 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. 8120.105. ROAD STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS. (a) A
7 road project must meet all applicable construction standards,
8 zoning and subdivision requirements, and regulations of each
9 municipality in whose corporate limits or extraterritorial
10 jurisdiction the road 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 SECTION 3. Chapter 8120, Special District Local Laws Code,
20 is amended by adding Subchapter D to read as follows:

21 SUBCHAPTER D. BONDS

22 Sec. 8120.151. BONDS FOR ROAD PROJECTS. At the time of
23 issuance, the total principal amount of bonds or other obligations
24 issued or incurred to finance road projects and payable from ad
25 valorem taxes may not exceed one-fourth of the assessed value of the
26 real property in the district.

27 SECTION 4. (a) The legal notice of the intention to

1 introduce this Act, setting forth the general substance of this
2 Act, has been published as provided by law, and the notice and a
3 copy of this Act have been furnished to all persons, agencies,
4 officials, or entities to which they are required to be furnished
5 under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, and Chapter 313,
6 Government Code.

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

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

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

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