By:  Muñoz, Jr. (Senate Sponsor - Hinojosa) H.B. No. 1019

(In the Senate - Received from the House May 13, 2019; May 14, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs; May 20, 2019, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 20, 2019, sent to printer.)

COMMITTEE VOTE

               Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Huffman         X

Hughes          X

Birdwell        X

Creighton       X

Fallon          X

Hall                      X

Lucio           X

Nelson          X

Zaffirini       X

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the authority of certain water districts to exercise the power of eminent domain.

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

SECTION 1.  CERTAIN IRRIGATION DISTRICTS. Subtitle D, Title 6, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Chapters 7505, 7506, and 7509 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 7505. HIDALGO COUNTY IRRIGATION DISTRICT NO. 6

SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 7505.001.  DEFINITION. In this chapter, "district" means the Hidalgo County Irrigation District No. 6.

SUBCHAPTER B. POWERS AND DUTIES

Sec. 7505.051.  EMINENT DOMAIN. (a) The district may exercise the power of eminent domain as provided by this section only if the district submits a letter to the comptroller not later than December 31, 2019, in accordance with the requirements of Section 2206.101(b), Government Code, other than the requirement that the letter be submitted by the date specified by that subsection.

(b)  Notwithstanding the expiration of the district's authority to exercise the power of eminent domain under Section 2206.101(c), Government Code, the district may exercise the power of eminent domain as provided by law applicable to the district on or after the 90th day after the date the district submits a letter in accordance with Subsection (a).

CHAPTER 7506. HIDALGO COUNTY IRRIGATION DISTRICT NO. 16

SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 7506.001.  DEFINITION. In this chapter, "district" means the Hidalgo County Irrigation District No. 16.

SUBCHAPTER B. POWERS AND DUTIES

Sec. 7506.051.  EMINENT DOMAIN. (a) The district may exercise the power of eminent domain as provided by this section only if the district submits a letter to the comptroller not later than December 31, 2019, in accordance with the requirements of Section 2206.101(b), Government Code, other than the requirement that the letter be submitted by the date specified by that subsection.

(b)  Notwithstanding the expiration of the district's authority to exercise the power of eminent domain under Section 2206.101(c), Government Code, the district may exercise the power of eminent domain as provided by law applicable to the district on or after the 90th day after the date the district submits a letter in accordance with Subsection (a).

CHAPTER 7509. HIDALGO COUNTY IRRIGATION DISTRICT NO. 5

SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 7509.001.  DEFINITION. In this chapter, "district" means the Hidalgo County Irrigation District No. 5.

SUBCHAPTER B. POWERS AND DUTIES

Sec. 7509.051.  EMINENT DOMAIN. (a) The district may exercise the power of eminent domain as provided by this section only if the district submits a letter to the comptroller not later than December 31, 2019, in accordance with the requirements of Section 2206.101(b), Government Code, other than the requirement that the letter be submitted by the date specified by that subsection.

(b)  Notwithstanding the expiration of the district's authority to exercise the power of eminent domain under Section 2206.101(c), Government Code, the district may exercise the power of eminent domain as provided by law applicable to the district on or after the 90th day after the date the district submits a letter in accordance with Subsection (a).

SECTION 2.  HIDALGO COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1. Subtitle F, Title 6, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Chapter 7963 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 7963. HIDALGO COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1

SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 7963.001.  DEFINITION. In this chapter, "district" means the Hidalgo County Municipal Utility District No. 1.

SUBCHAPTER B. POWERS AND DUTIES

Sec. 7963.051.  EMINENT DOMAIN. (a) The district may exercise the power of eminent domain as provided by this section only if the district submits a letter to the comptroller not later than December 31, 2019, in accordance with the requirements of Section 2206.101(b), Government Code, other than the requirement that the letter be submitted by the date specified by that subsection.

(b)  Notwithstanding the expiration of the district's authority to exercise the power of eminent domain under Section 2206.101(c), Government Code, the district may exercise the power of eminent domain as provided by law applicable to the district on or after the 90th day after the date the district submits a letter in accordance with Subsection (a).

SECTION 3.  EFFECTIVE DATE. As provided by Section 17(c), Article I, Texas Constitution, this Act takes effect only on a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to each house. If this Act receives the vote necessary to take effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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