

By: Thompson of Brazoria

H.B. No. 4630

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the creation of the Brazoria-Fort Bend Counties
3 Municipal Utility District No. 3; granting a limited power of
4 eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing
5 authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

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

7 SECTION 1. Subtitle F, Title 6, Special District Local Laws
8 Code, is amended by adding Chapter 8075 to read as follows:

9 CHAPTER 8075. BRAZORIA-FORT BEND COUNTIES MUNICIPAL UTILITY

10 DISTRICT NO. 3

11 SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

12 Sec. 8075.0101. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

13 (1) "Board" means the district's board of directors.

14 (2) "Commission" means the Texas Commission on
15 Environmental Quality.

16 (3) "Director" means a board member.

17 (4) "District" means the Brazoria-Fort Bend Counties
18 Municipal Utility District No. 3.

19 Sec. 8075.0102. NATURE OF DISTRICT. The district is a
20 municipal utility district created under Section 59, Article XVI,
21 Texas Constitution.

22 Sec. 8075.0103. CONFIRMATION AND DIRECTOR ELECTION
23 REQUIRED. The temporary directors shall hold an election to
24 confirm the creation of the district and to elect five permanent

1 directors as provided by Section 49.102, Water Code.

2 Sec. 8075.0104. CONSENT OF MUNICIPALITY REQUIRED. The
3 temporary directors may not hold an election under Section
4 8075.0103 until each municipality in whose corporate limits or
5 extraterritorial jurisdiction the district is located has
6 consented by ordinance or resolution to the creation of the
7 district and to the inclusion of land in the district.

8 Sec. 8075.0105. FINDINGS OF PUBLIC PURPOSE AND BENEFIT.

9 (a) The district is created to serve a public purpose and benefit.

10 (b) The district is created to accomplish the purposes of:

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

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

17 Sec. 8075.0106. INITIAL DISTRICT TERRITORY. (a) The
18 district is initially composed of the territory described by
19 Section 2 of the Act enacting this chapter.

20 (b) The boundaries and field notes contained in Section 2 of
21 the Act enacting this chapter form a closure. A mistake made in the
22 field notes or in copying the field notes in the legislative process
23 does not affect the district's:

24 (1) organization, existence, or validity;

25 (2) right to issue any type of bond for the purposes
26 for which the district is created or to pay the principal of and
27 interest on a bond;

1 (3) right to impose a tax; or

2 (4) legality or operation.

3 SUBCHAPTER B. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

4 Sec. 8075.0201. GOVERNING BODY; TERMS. (a) The district is
5 governed by a board of five elected directors.

6 (b) Except as provided by Section 8075.0202, directors
7 serve staggered four-year terms.

8 Sec. 8075.0202. TEMPORARY DIRECTORS. (a) On or after
9 September 1, 2019, the owner or owners of a majority of the assessed
10 value of the real property in the district may submit a petition to
11 the commission requesting that the commission appoint as temporary
12 directors the five persons named in the petition. The commission
13 shall appoint as temporary directors the five persons named in the
14 petition.

15 (b) Temporary directors serve until the earlier of:

16 (1) the date permanent directors are elected under
17 Section 8075.0103; or

18 (2) September 1, 2023.

19 (c) If permanent directors have not been elected under
20 Section 8075.0103 and the terms of the temporary directors have
21 expired, successor temporary directors shall be appointed or
22 reappointed as provided by Subsection (d) to serve terms that
23 expire on the earlier of:

24 (1) the date permanent directors are elected under
25 Section 8075.0103; or

26 (2) the fourth anniversary of the date of the
27 appointment or reappointment.

1 (d) If Subsection (c) applies, the owner or owners of a
2 majority of the assessed value of the real property in the district
3 may submit a petition to the commission requesting that the
4 commission appoint as successor temporary directors the five
5 persons named in the petition. The commission shall appoint as
6 successor temporary directors the five persons named in the
7 petition.

8 SUBCHAPTER C. POWERS AND DUTIES

9 Sec. 8075.0301. GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES. The district
10 has the powers and duties necessary to accomplish the purposes for
11 which the district is created.

12 Sec. 8075.0302. MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT POWERS AND
13 DUTIES. The district has the powers and duties provided by the
14 general law of this state, including Chapters 49 and 54, Water Code,
15 applicable to municipal utility districts created under Section 59,
16 Article XVI, Texas Constitution.

17 Sec. 8075.0303. AUTHORITY FOR ROAD PROJECTS. Under Section
18 52, Article III, Texas Constitution, the district may design,
19 acquire, construct, finance, issue bonds for, improve, operate,
20 maintain, and convey to this state, a county, or a municipality for
21 operation and maintenance macadamized, graveled, or paved roads, or
22 improvements, including storm drainage, in aid of those roads.

23 Sec. 8075.0304. ROAD STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS. (a) A
24 road project must meet all applicable construction standards,
25 zoning and subdivision requirements, and regulations of each
26 municipality in whose corporate limits or extraterritorial
27 jurisdiction the road project is located.

1 (b) If a road project is not located in the corporate limits
2 or extraterritorial jurisdiction of a municipality, the road
3 project must meet all applicable construction standards,
4 subdivision requirements, and regulations of each county in which
5 the road project is located.

6 (c) If the state will maintain and operate the road, the
7 Texas Transportation Commission must approve the plans and
8 specifications of the road project.

9 Sec. 8075.0305. COMPLIANCE WITH MUNICIPAL CONSENT
10 ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION. The district shall comply with all
11 applicable requirements of any ordinance or resolution that is
12 adopted under Section 54.016 or 54.0165, Water Code, and that
13 consents to the creation of the district or to the inclusion of land
14 in the district.

15 SUBCHAPTER D. GENERAL FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

16 Sec. 8075.0401. ELECTIONS REGARDING TAXES OR BONDS. (a)
17 The district may issue, without an election, bonds and other
18 obligations secured by:

19 (1) revenue other than ad valorem taxes; or

20 (2) contract payments described by Section 8075.0403.

21 (b) The district must hold an election in the manner
22 provided by Chapters 49 and 54, Water Code, to obtain voter approval
23 before the district may impose an ad valorem tax or issue bonds
24 payable from ad valorem taxes.

25 (c) The district may not issue bonds payable from ad valorem
26 taxes to finance a road project unless the issuance is approved by a
27 vote of a two-thirds majority of the district voters voting at an

1 election held for that purpose.

2 Sec. 8075.0402. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE TAX. (a) If
3 authorized at an election held under Section 8075.0401, the
4 district may impose an operation and maintenance tax on taxable
5 property in the district in accordance with Section 49.107, Water
6 Code.

7 (b) The board shall determine the tax rate. The rate may not
8 exceed the rate approved at the election.

9 Sec. 8075.0403. CONTRACT TAXES. (a) In accordance with
10 Section 49.108, Water Code, the district may impose a tax other than
11 an operation and maintenance tax and use the revenue derived from
12 the tax to make payments under a contract after the provisions of
13 the contract have been approved by a majority of the district voters
14 voting at an election held for that purpose.

15 (b) A contract approved by the district voters may contain a
16 provision stating that the contract may be modified or amended by
17 the board without further voter approval.

18 SUBCHAPTER E. BONDS AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS

19 Sec. 8075.0501. AUTHORITY TO ISSUE BONDS AND OTHER
20 OBLIGATIONS. The district may issue bonds or other obligations
21 payable wholly or partly from ad valorem taxes, impact fees,
22 revenue, contract payments, grants, or other district money, or any
23 combination of those sources, to pay for any authorized district
24 purpose.

25 Sec. 8075.0502. TAXES FOR BONDS. At the time the district
26 issues bonds payable wholly or partly from ad valorem taxes, the
27 board shall provide for the annual imposition of a continuing

1 direct ad valorem tax, without limit as to rate or amount, while all
2 or part of the bonds are outstanding as required and in the manner
3 provided by Sections 54.601 and 54.602, Water Code.

4 Sec. 8075.0503. BONDS FOR ROAD PROJECTS. At the time of
5 issuance, the total principal amount of bonds or other obligations
6 issued or incurred to finance road projects and payable from ad
7 valorem taxes may not exceed one-fourth of the assessed value of the
8 real property in the district.

9 SECTION 2. The Brazoria-Fort Bend Counties Municipal
10 Utility District No. 3 initially includes all the territory
11 contained in the following area:

12 Being a tract containing 362.666 acres of land,
13 located in the William Hall Survey, Abstract 31, in
14 Fort Bend County, Texas and Abstract 713 in Brazoria
15 County, Texas; Said 362.666 acre tract being a call
16 363.942 acre tract recorded in the name of
17 J.H.Caldwell, et al in Volume 796, Page 565 of the
18 Official Records of Fort Bend County (O.R.F.B.C.) and
19 being Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 11, 12 and a portion of Lot 6,
20 T.W. & J.H.B. House Subdivision, a subdivision
21 recorded in Volume 7, Page 301 of the Fort Bend County
22 Deed Records (F.B.C.D.R.); Said 362.666 acre tract
23 being more particularly described by metes and bounds
24 as follows (bearings being based on the Texas
25 Coordinate System, South Central Zone, NAD 83, as
26 derived from GPS Observations):

27 Beginning at a 2-inch iron pipe found at the

1 northeasterly corner of a call 1.284 acre tract
2 recorded in the name of Fort Bend County Municipal
3 Utility District Number 141 in File Number 2018043550
4 of the O.R.F.B.C., the southeasterly corner of a call
5 48.6 acre tract recorded in the name of Emma Ruth Bly
6 in File Number 2004149678 of the O.R.F.B.C., the
7 southerly southwest corner of a call 484.4229 acre
8 tract recorded in the name of Hannover Estates, LTD. in
9 File Number 2002140473 of the O.R.F.B.C. and being the
10 southeasterly corner of the David Fitzgerald League,
11 Abstract 25, the southwesterly corner of the I.&G.N.
12 R.R. Co. Survey, Abstract 352 and being on the
13 northerly line of the William Hall Survey, Abstract
14 31, from which a 3/4-inch iron rod found at the
15 northeasterly corner of Reserve "A", Fort Bend ISD
16 Ferndell Henry Center for Learning, a subdivision
17 recorded in Plat Number 20110173 of the Fort Bend
18 County Plat Records (F.B.C.P.R.), bears South 86
19 degrees 55 minutes 29 seconds West, a distance of
20 175.06 feet;

21 Thence, with the northerly line of said William Hall
22 Survey and with the southerly line of aforesaid
23 484.4229 acre tract and a call 17.478 acre tract
24 recorded in the name of JNC Development, Inc. in File
25 Number 2017115756 of the O.R.F.B.C., North 86 degrees
26 55 minutes 29 seconds East, at a distance of
27 1755.20 pass a found 5/8-inch iron rod with "Miller"

1 cap, at a distance of 2340.21 feet pass a found
2 5/8-inch iron rod with "Miller" cap, at a distance of
3 3151.64 feet pass a found 5/8-inch iron rod with
4 "Miller" cap, at a distance of 3753.58 feet pass a
5 found 5/8-inch iron rod with "Miller" cap, at a
6 distance of 4801.72 feet pass the Fort Bend/Brazoria
7 County line, in all, a distance of 5137.14 feet to a
8 5/8-inch iron rod set at the northeast corner of
9 aforesaid William Hall Survey, the southeasterly
10 corner of aforesaid 484.4229 acre tract and being the
11 northeasterly corner of aforesaid Lot 1;

12 Thence, with the easterly line of said William Hall
13 Survey, South 03 degrees 04 minutes 56 seconds East, a
14 distance of 1591.83 feet to a 2-inch PVC stand pipe
15 found at the southeasterly corner of aforesaid Lot 1
16 and the northeasterly corner of Lot 9, aforesaid T.W. &
17 J.H.B. House Subdivision;

18 Thence, with the southerly line of aforesaid Lots 1 and
19 2, South 86 degrees 55 minutes 29 seconds West, at a
20 distance of 775.90 feet pass the aforesaid Fort
21 Bend/Brazoria County line, in all, a distance of
22 2735.60 feet to a 2-inch PVC stand pipe found at the
23 common corner of aforesaid Lots 2, 3, 7 and Lot 8,
24 aforesaid T.W. & J.H.B. House Subdivision;

25 Thence, with the easterly line of said Lot 7, South 03
26 degrees 04 minutes 56 seconds East, a distance of
27 1591.23 feet to a 2-inch PVC stand pipe found at the

1 common corner of aforesaid Lots 7, 8, 11 and 12;
2 Thence, with the common line between Lots 8 and 11,
3 North 86 degrees 55 minutes 29 seconds East, a distance
4 of 1367.28 feet to a 2-inch PVC stand pipe found at the
5 common corner of aforesaid Lots 8, 9, 11 and Lot 10,
6 aforesaid T.W. & J.H.B. House Subdivision;
7 Thence, with the common line between aforesaid Lots 10
8 and 11, South 03 degrees 04 minutes 56 seconds East, a
9 distance of 1592.64 feet to a 3/4-inch iron pipe found
10 at the common corner of aforesaid Lots 10 and 11 and
11 Lots 20 and 21, aforesaid T.W. & J.H.B. House
12 Subdivision;
13 Thence, with the southerly line of aforesaid Lot 11,
14 South 86 degrees 55 minutes 29 seconds West, a distance
15 of 1367.22 feet to a 5/8-inch iron rod set at the
16 common corner of aforesaid Lots 11, 12, 20 and Lot 19,
17 aforesaid T.W. & J.H.B. House Subdivision and being
18 the easterly northeast corner of a call 91.100 acre
19 tract recorded in the name of Forestar (USA) Real
20 Estate Group, Inc. in File Number 2017121652 of the
21 O.R.F.B.C.;
22 Thence, with the northerly and easterly lines of said
23 91.100 acre tract, the following four (4) courses:
24 1) South 86 degrees 42 minutes 23 seconds West, at a
25 distance of 29.30 feet pass a found 1/2-inch iron rod,
26 in all, a distance of 1368.62 feet to a found 5/8-inch
27 iron rod;

1 2) North 03 degrees 03 minutes 31 seconds West, a
2 distance of 1594.92 feet to a found 5/8-inch iron rod;

3 3) South 86 degrees 57 minutes 25 seconds West, a
4 distance of 675.85 feet to a 5/8-inch iron rod set;

5 4) South 86 degrees 48 minutes 40 seconds West, a
6 distance of 3.88 feet to a 5/8-inch iron rod found at
7 the southeasterly corner of a call 162.2524 acre tract
8 recorded in the name of Hannover Estates, LTD. in File
9 Number 2004018462 of the O.R.F.B.C.;

10 Thence, with the easterly lines of said 162.2524 acre
11 tract, the following three (3) courses:

12 1) North 03 degrees 04 minutes 56 seconds West, a
13 distance of 1593.59 feet to a 5/8-inch iron rod set;

14 2) South 86 degrees 57 minutes 10 seconds West, a
15 distance of 353.80 feet to a 5/8-inch iron with cap
16 found;

17 3) North 03 degrees 05 minutes 12 seconds West, at a
18 distance of 1272.29 feet pass the southeasterly corner
19 of aforesaid 1.284 acre tract, in all, a distance of
20 1591.86 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING and containing
21 362.666 acres of land.

22 SECTION 3. (a) The legal notice of the intention to
23 introduce this Act, setting forth the general substance of this
24 Act, has been published as provided by law, and the notice and a
25 copy of this Act have been furnished to all persons, agencies,
26 officials, or entities to which they are required to be furnished
27 under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, and Chapter 313,

1 Government Code.

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

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

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

13 SECTION 4. (a) If this Act does not receive a two-thirds
14 vote of all the members elected to each house, Subchapter C, Chapter
15 8075, Special District Local Laws Code, as added by Section 1 of
16 this Act, is amended by adding Section 8075.0306 to read as follows:

17 Sec. 8075.0306. NO EMINENT DOMAIN POWER. The district may
18 not exercise the power of eminent domain.

19 (b) This section is not intended to be an expression of a
20 legislative interpretation of the requirements of Section 17(c),
21 Article I, Texas Constitution.

22 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.