

By: Bell of Montgomery

H.B. No. 4677

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the creation of the Montgomery County Municipal Utility District No. 161; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

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

SECTION 1. Subtitle F, Title 6, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Chapter 8089 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 8089. MONTGOMERY COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 161

SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 8089.0101. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

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

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

(3) "Director" means a board member.

(4) "District" means the Montgomery County Municipal Utility District No. 161.

Sec. 8089.0102. NATURE OF DISTRICT. The district is a municipal utility district created under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution.

Sec. 8089.0103. CONFIRMATION AND DIRECTOR ELECTION REQUIRED. The temporary directors shall hold an election to confirm the creation of the district and to elect five permanent directors as provided by Section 49.102, Water Code.

1       Sec. 8089.0104. CONSENT OF MUNICIPALITY REQUIRED. The  
2 temporary directors may not hold an election under Section  
3 8089.0103 until each municipality in whose corporate limits or  
4 extraterritorial jurisdiction the district is located has  
5 consented by ordinance or resolution to the creation of the  
6 district and to the inclusion of land in the district.

7       Sec. 8089.0105. FINDINGS OF PUBLIC PURPOSE AND BENEFIT.

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

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

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

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

16       Sec. 8089.0106. INITIAL DISTRICT TERRITORY. (a) The  
17 district is initially composed of the territory described by  
18 Section 2 of the Act enacting this chapter.

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

23           (1) organization, existence, or validity;

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

27           (3) right to impose a tax; or

1           (4) legality or operation.

2                   SUBCHAPTER B. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

3           Sec. 8089.0201. GOVERNING BODY; TERMS. (a) The district is  
4 governed by a board of five elected directors.

5           (b) Except as provided by Section 8089.0202, directors  
6 serve staggered four-year terms.

7           Sec. 8089.0202. TEMPORARY DIRECTORS. (a) On or after the  
8 effective date of the Act enacting this chapter, the owner or owners  
9 of a majority of the assessed value of the real property in the  
10 district may submit a petition to the commission requesting that  
11 the commission appoint as temporary directors the five persons  
12 named in the petition. The commission shall appoint as temporary  
13 directors the five persons named in the petition.

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

15                   (1) the date permanent directors are elected under  
16 Section 8089.0103; or

17                   (2) the fourth anniversary of the effective date of  
18 the Act enacting this chapter.

19           (c) If permanent directors have not been elected under  
20 Section 8089.0103 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 8089.0103; 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. 8089.0301. 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. 8089.0302. 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. 8089.0303. 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. 8089.0304. 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. 8089.0305. 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       Sec. 8089.0306. DIVISION OF DISTRICT. (a) The district may  
16 be divided into two or more new districts only if the district:

- 17               (1) has never issued any bonds; and  
18               (2) is not imposing ad valorem taxes.

19       (b) This chapter applies to any new district created by the  
20 division of the district, and a new district has all the powers and  
21 duties of the district.

22       (c) A new district created by the division of the district  
23 may not, at the time the new district is created, contain any land  
24 outside the area described by Section 2 of the Act enacting this  
25 chapter.

26       (d) The board, on its own motion or on receipt of a petition  
27 signed by the owner or owners of a majority of the assessed value of

1 the real property in the district, may adopt an order dividing the  
2 district.

3 (e) The board may adopt an order dividing the district  
4 before or after the date the board holds an election under Section  
5 8089.0103 to confirm the district's creation.

6 (f) An order dividing the district shall:

7 (1) name each new district;

8 (2) include the metes and bounds description of the  
9 territory of each new district;

10 (3) appoint temporary directors for each new district;

11 and

12 (4) provide for the division of assets and liabilities  
13 between the new districts.

14 (g) On or before the 30th day after the date of adoption of  
15 an order dividing the district, the district shall file the order  
16 with the commission and record the order in the real property  
17 records of each county in which the district is located.

18 (h) A new district created by the division of the district  
19 shall hold a confirmation and directors' election as required by  
20 Section 8089.0103.

21 (i) If the creation of the new district is confirmed, the  
22 new district shall provide the election date and results to the  
23 commission.

24 (j) Any new district created by the division of the district  
25 must hold an election as required by this chapter to obtain voter  
26 approval before the district may impose a maintenance tax or issue  
27 bonds payable wholly or partly from ad valorem taxes.

1       (k) Municipal consent to the creation of the district and to  
2 the inclusion of land in the district granted under Section  
3 8089.0104 acts as municipal consent to the creation of any new  
4 district created by the division of the district and to the  
5 inclusion of land in the new district.

6               SUBCHAPTER D. GENERAL FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

7       Sec. 8089.0401. ELECTIONS REGARDING TAXES OR BONDS. (a)  
8 The district may issue, without an election, bonds and other  
9 obligations secured by:

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

11               (2) contract payments described by Section 8089.0403.

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

16       (c) The district may not issue bonds payable from ad valorem  
17 taxes to finance a road project unless the issuance is approved by a  
18 vote of a two-thirds majority of the district voters voting at an  
19 election held for that purpose.

20       Sec. 8089.0402. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE TAX. (a) If  
21 authorized at an election held under Section 8089.0401, the  
22 district may impose an operation and maintenance tax on taxable  
23 property in the district in accordance with Section 49.107, Water  
24 Code.

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

27       Sec. 8089.0403. CONTRACT TAXES. (a) In accordance with

1 Section 49.108, Water Code, the district may impose a tax other than  
2 an operation and maintenance tax and use the revenue derived from  
3 the tax to make payments under a contract after the provisions of  
4 the contract have been approved by a majority of the district voters  
5 voting at an election held for that purpose.

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

9 SUBCHAPTER E. BONDS AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS

10 Sec. 8089.0501. AUTHORITY TO ISSUE BONDS AND OTHER  
11 OBLIGATIONS. The district may issue bonds or other obligations  
12 payable wholly or partly from ad valorem taxes, impact fees,  
13 revenue, contract payments, grants, or other district money, or any  
14 combination of those sources, to pay for any authorized district  
15 purpose.

16 Sec. 8089.0502. TAXES FOR BONDS. At the time the district  
17 issues bonds payable wholly or partly from ad valorem taxes, the  
18 board shall provide for the annual imposition of a continuing  
19 direct ad valorem tax, without limit as to rate or amount, while all  
20 or part of the bonds are outstanding as required and in the manner  
21 provided by Sections 54.601 and 54.602, Water Code.

22 Sec. 8089.0503. 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 2. The Montgomery County Municipal Utility District



1 No. 161 initially includes all the territory contained in the  
2 following area:

3 A description of a 652 acre tract of land, located in the  
4 Alfonso Steel Survey, Abstract 477, the John Bricker Survey,  
5 Abstract 98, the Gowan Harris Survey, Abstract 246, and the Lemuel  
6 Smith Survey, Abstract 502, in Montgomery County, Texas; out of the  
7 1835.060 acre tract of land referenced as Tract III, Parcel 2, and  
8 out of the 191.470 acre tract of land referenced as Tract II, Parcel  
9 1 and out of the 105.594 acre tract of land referenced as Tract 2,  
10 Parcel 4 described in the deed recorded under Document Number  
11 2018042236 of the Official Public Records of Montgomery County,  
12 Texas and more particularly described as follows:

13 BEGINNING at the south corner of said John Bricker Survey,  
14 common to the east corner of said Gowan Harris Survey and the south  
15 corner of said Tract 2, Parcel 4;

16 THENCE North 30° 26' 13" West - 3138.61, along the west line of  
17 said Tract 2, Parcel 4, partially along the southwest line of said  
18 John Bricker Survey, common to the northeast line of said Gowan  
19 Harris Survey, to the intersection of said common line and the north  
20 right-of-way line of State Highway 242 (Lazy River Road), and the  
21 south line of aforesaid Tract III, Parcel 2, and the south line of  
22 aforesaid Tract 2, Parcel 1, common to the point of non-tangent  
23 curve to the right;

24 THENCE along said north right-of-way line, and along said  
25 south line of said Tract III, Parcel 2, along said curve to the  
26 right, 60.70', with a radius of 2565.25', a central angle of 01° 21'  
27 21", and a chord bearing and distance of North 73° 32' 31" West -

1 60.70', to the end of curve;

2           THENCE continuing along said north right-of-way line, common  
3 to the south line of said Tract 3, Parcel 2, the following twenty  
4 (20) courses and distances:

5           North 72° 50' 00" West - 1063.30';

6           North 69° 00' 59" West - 299.06';

7           North 72° 47' 05" West - 101.02';

8           North 78° 40' 07" West - 99.47';

9           North 72° 47' 17" West - 201.25';

10           North 71° 52' 08" West - 299.75';

11           North 72° 59' 03" West - 100.41';

12           North 75° 32' 57" West - 99.82';

13           North 73° 01' 36" West - 511.85';

14           North 72° 53' 37" West - 586.90';

15           North 78° 36' 15" West - 100.50';

16           North 72° 53' 37" West - 314.28' to a point on a curve to  
17 the left;

18           262.81', along said curve to the left, with a radius of  
19 2954.79', a central angle of 05° 05' 46", and a chord bearing  
20 and distance of North 75° 26' 30" West - 262.72' to the end of  
21 curve;

22           North 75° 22' 06" West - 525.80';

23           South 81° 54' 27" West - 733.46';

24           South 76° 44' 39" West - 418.29';

25           South 69° 22' 36" West - 409.05';

26           South 66° 28' 20" West - 300.00';

27           South 63° 36' 35" West - 300.37';

1 South 66° 28' 20" West - 799.40', to the intersection of  
2 aforesaid north right-of-way line and the west line of an  
3 electric transmission corridor, in the south line of  
4 aforesaid Tract 3, Parcel 2;

5 THENCE North 52° 44' 18" West - 2544.15', along said electric  
6 transmission corridor, to a point for corner;

7 THENCE North 43° 44' 05" West - 4153.21', continuing along  
8 said electric transmission corridor, to the intersection of said  
9 west corridor line and the northwest line of aforesaid Tract III,  
10 Parcel 2;

11 THENCE North 59° 01' 30" East - 3444.33', along said northwest  
12 line, to the west corner of the 37.61 acre tract described as  
13 "First" tract in the partition deed recorded under Volume 583, Page  
14 609, of the Deed Records of Montgomery County, Texas;

15 THENCE South 30° 15' 23" East - 1567.16', continuing along the  
16 northeast line of aforesaid Tract III, Parcel 2, along the  
17 southwest line of said "First" tract, and the southwest line of the  
18 37.61 acre tract described as "Second" tract in the partition deed  
19 recorded under Volume 583, Page 609, of the Deed Records of  
20 Montgomery County, Texas, to the south corner of said "Second"  
21 tract;

22 THENCE North 58° 50' 47" East - 1372.93', continuing along the  
23 northwest line of said Tract III, Parcel 2, along the southeast line  
24 of said "Second" tract, to a point for corner in said southeast line  
25 of said "Second" tract;

26 THENCE South 30° 26' 27" East - 2772.87', to a point for  
27 corner;

1           THENCE South 59° 25' 43" West - 1902.10' to a point for corner;

2           THENCE South 15° 49' 15" East - 1921.98' to a point which is  
3 located three hundred feet north of the north right-of-way of  
4 aforesaid State Highway 242;

5           THENCE along a line, three-hundred feet (300') north of  
6 parallel with said north right-of-way line, the following  
7 twenty-two (22) courses and distances:

8                   North 66° 28' 20" East - 320.29';

9                   North 63° 36' 35" East - 300.37';

10                  North 66° 28' 20" East - 315.10';

11                  North 69° 22' 36" East - 435.97';

12                  North 76° 44' 39" East - 451.13';

13                  North 81° 54' 27" East - 807.27';

14                  South 75° 22' 06" East - 579.39' to the beginning of a  
15 curve to the right;

16                  282.46', along said curve to the right, with a radius of  
17 3254.79', a central angle of 04° 58' 20", and a chord bearing  
18 and distance of South 75° 22' 47" East - 282.37' to the end of  
19 curve;

20                  South 72° 53' 37" East - 299.32';

21                  South 78° 36' 15" East - 100.50';

22                  South 72° 53' 37" East - 601.51';

23                  South 73° 01' 36" East - 504.90';

24                  South 75° 32' 57" East - 99.73';

25                  South 72° 59' 03" East - 110.05';

26                  South 71° 52' 08" East - 300.26';

27                  South 72° 47' 17" East - 183.43';

1 South 78° 40' 07" East - 99.48';  
2 South 72° 47' 05" East - 126.31';  
3 South 69° 00' 59" East - 298.93';  
4 South 72° 50' 13" East - 1053.14' to the beginning of a  
5 tangent curve to the left;  
6 1655.03', along said curve to the left, with a radius of  
7 2565.25', a central angle of 36° 57' 57", and a chord bearing  
8 and distance of North 88° 37' 40" East - 1626.48' to the end of  
9 curve;  
10 North 70° 12' 35" East - 881.55';  
11 THENCE North 67° 55' 52" East - 25.80', to the intersection of  
12 said three hundred foot offset and the west right-of-way line of FM  
13 1314 (Conroe Porter Road), and the east line of aforesaid Tract 2,  
14 Parcel 1;  
15 THENCE North 11° 00' 27" West - 587.98', continuing along said  
16 west right-of-way line of FM 1314 (Conroe Porter Road), and the east  
17 line of aforesaid Tract 2, Parcel 1, to a point for corner;  
18 THENCE North 12° 31' 04" West - 2420.93', continuing along  
19 said common line, and the east line of aforesaid Tract III, Parcel 2  
20 to a point for corner;  
21 THENCE North 12° 33' 22" West - 34.59', continuing along  
22 aforesaid west right-of-way line of FM 1314 (Conroe Porter Road)  
23 and the east line of aforesaid Tract III, Parcel 2, to the beginning  
24 of a tangent curve to the left;  
25 THENCE, 1150.34', continuing along said common line, along  
26 said curve to the left, having a radius of 1859.86', a central angle  
27 of 35° 26' 17", and a chord bearing and distance of North 30° 18' 14"

1 West - 1132.09' to the end of curve;

2       THENCE North 48° 01' 22" West - 2965.58', continuing along  
3 said common line, to the intersection of said common line and the  
4 northwest line of aforesaid Alfonzo Steel Survey;

5       THENCE North 58° 58' 24" East - 105.84', along the northwest  
6 line of said Alfonzo Steel Survey, to the intersection of said  
7 northwest line and the east right-of-way line of aforesaid FM 1314  
8 (Conroe Porter Road), the northwest corner of the 273.466 acre  
9 tract of land referenced as Tract III, Parcel 1 described in the  
10 deed recorded under Document Number 2018042236 of the Official  
11 Public Records of Montgomery County, Texas;

12       THENCE South 48° 01' 22" East - 2935.99', continuing along  
13 said east right-of-way line, and the west line of Tract III, Parcel  
14 1, to the beginning of a curve to the right;

15       THENCE, 1212.26', continuing along said common line, along  
16 said curve to the right, with a radius of 1959.86', a central angle  
17 of 35° 26' 24", and a chord bearing and distance of South 30° 16' 34"  
18 East - 1193.03' to the end of curve;

19       THENCE South 12° 33' 22" East - 1.21, continuing along said  
20 common line, to a point for corner;

21       THENCE South 12° 01' 58" East - 2102.94', continuing along  
22 said east right-of-way line, and west line of the Tract III, Parcel  
23 1 and the west line of a 195.961 acre tract of land referenced as  
24 Tract 2, Parcel 2 described in the deed recorded under Document  
25 Number 2018042236 of the Official Public Records of Montgomery  
26 County, Texas; to a point for corner;

27       THENCE South 13° 30' 38" East - 995.85', continuing along said

1 east right-of-way line, and said west line of Tract 2, Parcel 2, to  
2 a point for corner;

3       THENCE South 23° 14' 55" East - 200.33', continuing along said  
4 common line, to the intersection of said common line and the north  
5 right-of-way line of State Highway 242;

6       THENCE South 16° 50' 19" East - 538.64', continuing along  
7 aforesaid east right-of-way line, to a point for corner at the  
8 intersection of said east right-of-way line and the south  
9 right-of-way line of said State Highway 242, the northwest corner  
10 of a 90.860 acre tract of land referenced as Tract 2, Parcel 3  
11 described in the deed recorded under Document Number 2018042236 of  
12 the Official Public Records of Montgomery County, Texas;

13       THENCE South 19° 50' 32" East - 241.38', continuing along said  
14 east right-of-way line, and the west line of said Tract 2, Parcel 3,  
15 to a point for corner;

16       THENCE South 22° 10' 36" East - 597.39', continuing along said  
17 common line, to a point for corner;

18       THENCE South 24° 51' 16" East - 778.41', continuing along said  
19 common line, to the intersection of said common line and the  
20 southeast line of aforesaid John Bricker Survey;

21       THENCE South 60° 50' 57" West - 89.83', along said southeast  
22 line of the John Bricker Survey, to the southeast corner of  
23 aforesaid Tract 2, Parcel 4;

24       THENCE South 59° 09' 24" West - 2139.18', along the southeast  
25 line of said Tract 2, Parcel 4 and said southeast line of the John  
26 Bricker Survey, to the POINT OF BEGINNING, and containing 652  
27 acres, more or less.

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

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

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

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

19           SECTION 4. (a) If this Act does not receive a two-thirds  
20 vote of all the members elected to each house, Subchapter C, Chapter  
21 8089, Special District Local Laws Code, as added by Section 1 of  
22 this Act, is amended by adding Section 8089.0307 to read as follows:

23           Sec. 8089.0307. NO EMINENT DOMAIN POWER. The district may  
24 not exercise the power of eminent domain.

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



1           SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
5 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.