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H.B. No. 4728

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the creation of the Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 241; 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 8027 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 8027. FORT BEND COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 241

SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 8027.0101. 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 Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 241.

Sec. 8027.0102. NATURE OF DISTRICT. The district is a municipal utility district created under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution.

Sec. 8027.0103. 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. 8027.0104. CONSENT OF MUNICIPALITY REQUIRED. The
2 temporary directors may not hold an election under Section
3 8027.0103 or 8027.0401, issue bonds, or incur any debt until each
4 municipality in whose corporate limits or extraterritorial
5 jurisdiction the district is located has consented by ordinance or
6 resolution to the creation of the district and to the inclusion of
7 land in the district.

8 Sec. 8027.0105. 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. 8027.0106. 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. 8027.0201. GOVERNING BODY; TERMS. (a) The district is
5 governed by a board of five elected directors.

6 (b) Except as provided by Section 8027.0202, directors
7 serve staggered four-year terms.

8 Sec. 8027.0202. TEMPORARY DIRECTORS. (a) On or after the
9 effective date of the Act enacting this chapter, the owner or owners
10 of a majority of the assessed value of the real property in the
11 district may submit a petition to the commission requesting that
12 the commission appoint as temporary directors the five persons
13 named in the petition. The commission shall appoint as temporary
14 directors the five persons named in the petition.

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

16 (1) the date permanent directors are elected under
17 Section 8027.0103; or

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

20 (c) If permanent directors have not been elected under
21 Section 8027.0103 and the terms of the temporary directors have
22 expired, successor temporary directors shall be appointed or
23 reappointed as provided by Subsection (d) to serve terms that
24 expire on the earlier of:

25 (1) the date permanent directors are elected under
26 Section 8027.0103; or

27 (2) the fourth anniversary of the date of the

appointment or reappointment.

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

SUBCHAPTER C. POWERS AND DUTIES

Sec. 8027.0301. GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES. The district has the powers and duties necessary to accomplish the purposes for which the district is created.

Sec. 8027.0302. MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT POWERS AND DUTIES. The district has the powers and duties provided by the general law of this state, including Chapters 49 and 54, Water Code, applicable to municipal utility districts created under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution.

Sec. 8027.0303. AUTHORITY FOR ROAD PROJECTS. Under Section 52, Article III, Texas Constitution, the district may design, acquire, construct, finance, issue bonds for, improve, operate, maintain, and convey to this state, a county, or a municipality for operation and maintenance macadamized, graveled, or paved roads, or improvements, including storm drainage, in aid of those roads.

Sec. 8027.0304. ROAD STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS. (a) A road project must meet all applicable construction standards, zoning and subdivision requirements, and regulations of each municipality in whose corporate limits or extraterritorial

jurisdiction the road project is located.

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

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

Sec. 8027.0305. COMPLIANCE WITH MUNICIPAL CONSENT ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION. The district shall comply with all applicable requirements of any ordinance or resolution that is adopted under Section 54.016 or 54.0165, Water Code, and that consents to the creation of the district or to the inclusion of land in the district.

SUBCHAPTER D. GENERAL FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 8027.0401. ELECTIONS REGARDING TAXES OR BONDS. (a) The district may issue, without an election, bonds and other obligations secured by:

(1) revenue other than ad valorem taxes; or

(2) contract payments described by Section 8027.0403.

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

(c) The district may not issue bonds payable from ad valorem taxes to finance a road project unless the issuance is approved by a

vote of a two-thirds majority of the district voters voting at an election held for that purpose.

Sec. 8027.0402. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE TAX. (a) If authorized at an election held under Section 8027.0401, the district may impose an operation and maintenance tax on taxable property in the district in accordance with Section 49.107, Water Code.

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

Sec. 8027.0403. CONTRACT TAXES. (a) In accordance with Section 49.108, Water Code, the district may impose a tax other than an operation and maintenance tax and use the revenue derived from the tax to make payments under a contract after the provisions of the contract have been approved by a majority of the district voters voting at an election held for that purpose.

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

SUBCHAPTER E. BONDS AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS

Sec. 8027.0501. AUTHORITY TO ISSUE BONDS AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS. The district may issue bonds or other obligations payable wholly or partly from ad valorem taxes, impact fees, revenue, contract payments, grants, or other district money, or any combination of those sources, to pay for any authorized district purpose.

Sec. 8027.0502. TAXES FOR BONDS. At the time the district issues bonds payable wholly or partly from ad valorem taxes, the

board shall provide for the annual imposition of a continuing direct ad valorem tax, without limit as to rate or amount, while all or part of the bonds are outstanding as required and in the manner provided by Sections 54.601 and 54.602, Water Code.

Sec. 8027.0503. BONDS FOR ROAD PROJECTS. At the time of issuance, the total principal amount of bonds or other obligations issued or incurred to finance road projects and payable from ad valorem taxes may not exceed one-fourth of the assessed value of the real property in the district.

SECTION 2. The Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 241 initially includes all the territory contained in the following area:

FIELD NOTES of a 481.424 acre tract of land situated in the Charles D. Sayre Survey, Abstract No. 82, Fort Bend County, Texas; said 481.424 acre tract of land being all of a called 481.424 acre tract as conveyed to AA Sharp Investments, LTD. Recorded under Fort Bend County Clerk's File Number (F.B.C.C.F. No.) 2007153566 (and described in F.B.C.C.F. No. 2006117261); said 481.424 acre tract of land being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows:

NOTE: All bearings are based upon Survey produced by Henry Steinkamp, Jr. Inc. and signed by Franklin R. Schodek (RPLS No. 1535) dated August 14, 2006.

BEGINNING at a point being the most northerly corner of said 481.424 acre tract and the herein described tract;

THENCE S 32°19'44" E, along the northeasterly line of said called 481.424 acre tract and the herein described tract, a

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distance of 4,484.55 feet, to the centerline of Big Creek marking the most easterly corner of the said 481.424 acre tract and the herein described tract;

THENCE along the centerline of Big Creek and the southeasterly line of the said 481.424 acre tract and the herein described tract the following nineteen (19) courses and distances:

S 51°40'40" W, a distance of 157.62 feet;

S 61°46'22" W, a distance of 188.66 feet;

S 61°29'57" W, a distance of 227.57 feet;

S 62°21'21" W, a distance of 184.74 feet;

S 69°38'42" W, a distance of 272.19 feet;

S 66°16'30" W, a distance of 208.04 feet;

S 54°44'24" W, a distance of 200.94 feet;

S 46°21'28" W, a distance of 328.81 feet;

S 28°07'01" W, a distance of 137.20 feet;

S 20°43'43" W, a distance of 84.27 feet;

S 25°56'34" W, a distance of 145.84 feet;

S 16°19'11" W, a distance of 147.37 feet;

S 07°07'12" W, a distance of 544.54 feet;

S 20°17'04" W, a distance of 235.04 feet;

S 21°49'12" W, a distance of 473.24 feet;

S 19°50'49" W, a distance of 401.42 feet;

S 16°02'34" W, a distance of 118.89 feet;

S 06°53'14" W, a distance of 422.50 feet;

S 05°15'02" W, a distance of 249.80 feet, to the most southerly corner of the herein described tract;

THENCE N 47°57'28" W, departing the centerline of Big Creek,

1 and along the southwesterly line of said 481.424 acre tract, a
2 distance of 5,149.01 feet, to the most westerly corner of the said
3 481.424 acre tract and the herein described tract;

4 THENCE N 42°11'01" E, along the northwesterly line of the said
5 481.424 acre tract and the herein described tract, a distance of
6 5,501.23 feet to the PLACE OF BEGINNING; containing within said
7 boundaries a calculated area of 481.424 acres of land.

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

15 (b) The governor, one of the required recipients, has
16 submitted the notice and Act to the Texas Commission on
17 Environmental Quality.

18 (c) The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has filed
19 its recommendations relating to this Act with the governor, the
20 lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of
21 representatives within the required time.

22 (d) All requirements of the constitution and laws of this
23 state and the rules and procedures of the legislature with respect
24 to the notice, introduction, and passage of this Act are fulfilled
25 and accomplished.

26 SECTION 4. (a) If this Act does not receive a two-thirds
27 vote of all the members elected to each house, Subchapter C, Chapter

1 8027, Special District Local Laws Code, as added by Section 1 of
2 this Act, is amended by adding Section 8027.0306 to read as follows:

3 Sec. 8027.0306. NO EMINENT DOMAIN POWER. The district may
4 not exercise the power of eminent domain.

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

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