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S.B. No. 2547

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the creation of the Grayson County Municipal Utility
3 District No. 2; granting a limited power of eminent domain;
4 providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose
5 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 8033 to read as follows:

9 CHAPTER 8033. GRAYSON COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 2

10 SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

11 Sec. 8033.0101. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

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

13 (2) "City" means the City of Gunter, Texas.

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

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

17 (5) "District" means the Grayson County Municipal
18 Utility District No. 2.

19 Sec. 8033.0102. NATURE OF DISTRICT. The district is a
20 municipal utility district created under Section 59, Article XVI,
21 Texas Constitution.

22 Sec. 8033.0103. 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. 8033.0104. CONSENT OF MUNICIPALITY REQUIRED. The
3 temporary directors may not hold an election under Section
4 8033.0103 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. 8033.0105. 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. 8033.0106. 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 Sec. 8033.0107. EFFECT OF ANNEXATION. Notwithstanding any
4 other law, if all of the territory of the district is annexed by the
5 city into the city's corporate limits, the district:

6 (1) retains all of the district's outstanding debt and
7 obligations; and

8 (2) is not dissolved.

9 SUBCHAPTER B. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

10 Sec. 8033.0201. GOVERNING BODY; TERMS. (a) The district is
11 governed by a board of five elected directors.

12 (b) Except as provided by Section 8033.0202, directors
13 serve staggered four-year terms.

14 Sec. 8033.0202. TEMPORARY DIRECTORS. (a) On or after
15 September 1, 2019, the owner or owners of a majority of the assessed
16 value of the real property in the district may submit a petition to
17 the commission requesting that the commission appoint as temporary
18 directors the five persons named in the petition. The commission
19 shall appoint as temporary directors the five persons named in the
20 petition.

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

22 (1) the date permanent directors are elected under
23 Section 8033.0103; or

24 (2) September 1, 2023.

25 (c) If permanent directors have not been elected under
26 Section 8033.0103 and the terms of the temporary directors have
27 expired, successor temporary directors shall be appointed or

1 reappointed as provided by Subsection (d) to serve terms that
2 expire on the earlier of:

3 (1) the date permanent directors are elected under
4 Section 8033.0103; or

5 (2) the fourth anniversary of the date of the
6 appointment or reappointment.

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

14 SUBCHAPTER C. POWERS AND DUTIES

15 Sec. 8033.0301. GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES. The district
16 has the powers and duties necessary to accomplish the purposes for
17 which the district is created.

18 Sec. 8033.0302. MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT POWERS AND
19 DUTIES. (a) The district has the powers and duties provided by the
20 general law of this state, including Chapters 49 and 54, Water Code,
21 applicable to municipal utility districts created under Section 59,
22 Article XVI, Texas Constitution.

23 (b) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), the district may not
24 act as a retail provider of water or wastewater service.

25 (c) The district shall make the district's water and
26 wastewater facilities available to an entity holding the applicable
27 certificate of public convenience and necessity.

1 Sec. 8033.0303. AUTHORITY FOR ROAD PROJECTS. Under Section
2 52, Article III, Texas Constitution, the district may design,
3 acquire, construct, finance, issue bonds for, improve, operate,
4 maintain, and convey to this state, a county, or a municipality for
5 operation and maintenance macadamized, graveled, or paved roads, or
6 improvements, including storm drainage, in aid of those roads.

7 Sec. 8033.0304. ROAD STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS. (a) A
8 road project must meet all applicable construction standards,
9 zoning and subdivision requirements, and regulations of each
10 municipality in whose corporate limits or extraterritorial
11 jurisdiction the road project is located.

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

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

20 Sec. 8033.0305. MAINTENANCE OF ROADS IN TERRITORY OUTSIDE
21 CORPORATE LIMITS OF CITY. If district territory, or a portion of
22 district territory, is located outside the corporate limits of the
23 city, the district shall maintain any road the district constructs
24 located in that territory.

25 Sec. 8033.0306. COMPLIANCE WITH MUNICIPAL CONSENT
26 ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION. The district shall comply with all
27 applicable requirements of any ordinance or resolution that is

1 adopted under Section 54.016 or 54.0165, Water Code, and that
2 consents to the creation of the district or to the inclusion of land
3 in the district.

4 Sec. 8033.0307. DIVISION OF DISTRICT. (a) The district may
5 be divided into two or more new districts only if the district:

6 (1) has no outstanding bonded debt; and

7 (2) is not imposing ad valorem taxes.

8 (b) This chapter applies to any new district created by the
9 division of the district, and a new district has all the powers and
10 duties of the district.

11 (c) Any new district created by the division of the district
12 may not, at the time the new district is created, contain any land
13 outside the area described by Section 2 of the Act enacting this
14 chapter.

15 (d) The board, on its own motion or on receipt of a petition
16 signed by the owner or owners of a majority of the assessed value of
17 the real property in the district, may adopt an order dividing the
18 district.

19 (e) The board may adopt an order dividing the district
20 before or after the date the board holds an election under Section
21 8033.0103 to confirm the district's creation.

22 (f) An order dividing the district shall:

23 (1) name each new district;

24 (2) include the metes and bounds description of the
25 territory of each new district;

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

27 and

1 (4) provide for the division of assets and liabilities
2 between or among the new districts.

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

7 (h) Any new district created by the division of the district
8 shall hold a confirmation and directors' election as required by
9 Section 8033.0103. If the voters of a new district do not confirm
10 the creation of the new district, the assets, obligations,
11 territory, and governance of the new district revert to the
12 original district.

13 (i) Municipal consent to the creation of the district and to
14 the inclusion of land in the district granted under Section
15 8033.0104 acts as municipal consent to the creation of any new
16 district created by the division of the district and to the
17 inclusion of land in the new district.

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

22 SUBCHAPTER D. GENERAL FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

23 Sec. 8033.0401. ELECTIONS REGARDING TAXES OR BONDS. (a)
24 The district may issue, without an election, bonds and other
25 obligations secured by:

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

27 (2) contract payments described by Section 8033.0403.

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

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

9 Sec. 8033.0402. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE TAX. (a) If
10 authorized at an election held under Section 8033.0401, the
11 district may impose an operation and maintenance tax on taxable
12 property in the district in accordance with Section 49.107, Water
13 Code.

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

16 Sec. 8033.0403. CONTRACT TAXES. (a) In accordance with
17 Section 49.108, Water Code, the district may impose a tax other than
18 an operation and maintenance tax and use the revenue derived from
19 the tax to make payments under a contract after the provisions of
20 the contract have been approved by a majority of the district voters
21 voting at an election held for that purpose.

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

25 SUBCHAPTER E. BONDS AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS

26 Sec. 8033.0501. AUTHORITY TO ISSUE BONDS AND OTHER
27 OBLIGATIONS. The district may issue bonds or other obligations

1 payable wholly or partly from ad valorem taxes, impact fees,
2 revenue, contract payments, grants, or other district money, or any
3 combination of those sources, to pay for any authorized district
4 purpose.

5 Sec. 8033.0502. TAXES FOR BONDS. At the time the district
6 issues bonds payable wholly or partly from ad valorem taxes, the
7 board shall provide for the annual imposition of a continuing
8 direct ad valorem tax, without limit as to rate or amount, while all
9 or part of the bonds are outstanding as required and in the manner
10 provided by Sections 54.601 and 54.602, Water Code.

11 Sec. 8033.0503. BONDS FOR ROAD PROJECTS. At the time of
12 issuance, the total principal amount of bonds or other obligations
13 issued or incurred to finance road projects and payable from ad
14 valorem taxes may not exceed one-fourth of the assessed value of the
15 real property in the district.

16 SECTION 2. The Grayson County Municipal Utility District
17 No. 2 initially includes all the territory contained in the
18 following area:

19 All that certain tract or parcel of land situated in the Charles
20 Mason Survey, Abstract Number 858, the Fisher A. Hammon Survey,
21 Abstract Number 604, and the Thomas Toby Survey, Abstract Number
22 1256, County of Grayson, State of Texas; said tract being part of a
23 called 102.5 acre tract as described in Tract 10, and all of a
24 called 208.5 acre tract as described in Tract 33 in Substitute
25 Trustee's Deed to John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Co., dated 07
26 July 1992, and Recorded in Volume 2220 Page 297 of the Deed Records
27 of the County of Grayson, State of Texas, and being more fully

1 described as follows:

2 BEGINNING for the southwest corner of the tract being described
3 herein at a set 3/4 inch Rod, said rod being the southwest corner of
4 said Tract 33, and the southeast corner of a called 150 acre tract
5 as shown by Deed to Nelson Bunker Hunt Trust, dated 01 August 1969,
6 and Recorded in Volume 1140 Page 141 of said Deed Records, said rod
7 also being in the center line of Berend Road (a gravel surfaced
8 public road), said rod also being on the south line of Grayson
9 County, and the north line of Denton County;

10 Thence: North 00 degrees 45 minutes 21 seconds West, and passing the
11 north line of said road and continuing on said course for a total
12 distance of 4639.84 feet to a net 3/4 inch Rod for the northwest
13 corner of said Tract 22 and in the center line of Martin Road (a
14 gravel surfaced public road);

15 Thence: North 88 degrees 58 minutes 52 seconds East a distance of
16 380.65 for a corner of this tract;

17 Thence: North 89 degrees 02 minutes 42 seconds East with the north
18 line of said Tract 33 and 10, and the center line of said road. a
19 distance of 2013.74 feet to a found 1/2 inch Steel Square Tubing for
20 the northeast corner of this tract;

21 Thence: South 00 degrees 54 minutes 04 seconds East, a distance of
22 4690.18 feet to a found 1/2 inch Steel Square Tubing in the center
23 line of said Berend Road;

24 Thence: South 89 degrees 45 minutes 28 seconds West. with the center
25 line of said road. a distance of 628.46 feet to a found 3/4 inch Rod
26 for a corner;

27 Thence: North 00 degrees 06 minutes 09 seconds West. a distance of

1 18.02 feet to set 3/4 inch Rod for a corner on the north line of said
2 road;

3 Thence: South 89 degrees 31 minutes 51 seconds West. with the north
4 line of said road. a distance of 866.39 feet to set 3/4 inch Rod for
5 a corner;

6 Thence: South 00 degrees 00 minutes 32 seconds West. a distance of
7 14.59 feet to a set 3/4 inch Rod for a corner of this tract;

8 Thence: South 89 degrees 45 minutes 28 seconds West. with the center
9 line of said Berend road. a distance of 911.48 feet to the POINT OF
10 BEGINNING and containing 257.294 Acres of land.

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

18 (b) The governor, one of the required recipients, has
19 submitted the notice and Act to the Texas Commission on
20 Environmental Quality.

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

25 (d) All requirements of the constitution and laws of this
26 state and the rules and procedures of the legislature with respect
27 to the notice, introduction, and passage of this Act are fulfilled

1 and accomplished.

2 SECTION 4. (a) If this Act does not receive a two-thirds
3 vote of all the members elected to each house, Subchapter C, Chapter
4 8033, Special District Local Laws Code, as added by Section 1 of
5 this Act, is amended by adding Section 8033.0308 to read as follows:

6 Sec. 8033.0308. NO EMINENT DOMAIN POWER. The district may
7 not exercise the power of eminent domain.

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

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