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March 25, 2021

The Honorable Dan Patrick
Lieutenant Governor of Texas
Capitol Station
PO Box 12068
Austin, Texas 78711

Re: Responsibility of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Pursuant to Article XVI, Section 59(d), Texas Constitution

Senate Bill (SB) 1643, as Filed by Senators Brandon Creighton and Robert Nichols - Relating to special purpose territory of the Port of Beaumont Navigation District of Jefferson County, Texas.

Dear Governor Patrick:

The following comments are provided pursuant to the Constitutional requirements referenced above. Under those requirements, the TCEQ must submit, to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the House of Representatives, the TCEQ's recommendations on specific legislation affecting water districts. We recommend that these comments be considered in the evaluation of the proposed legislation.

The bill amends Chapter 5010, Special District Local Laws Code, by specifying the metes and bounds territory of the special purpose area of the Port of Beaumont Navigation District of Jefferson County, Texas (District). The bill specifies that waterborne commercial cargo and vessel movements originating in or departing from the special purpose area may be attributed as waterborne commercial cargo or vessel movements originating in or departing from the District for the purpose of reporting to the United States Army Corps of Engineers under applicable federal law. The bill specifies that the inclusion of the special purpose area in the District does not affect any powers or duties exercised in the special purpose area by the Sabine-Neches Navigation District or the Orange County Navigation and Port District. The bill states that the District may not impose a tax in the special purpose area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cari-Michel La Caille".

Cari-Michel La Caille, Director
Water Supply Division

cc: Honorable Brandon Creighton, Chairman, Senate Ports Select Committee
Senator Brandon Creighton, Texas Senate
Senator Robert Nichols, Texas Senate

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL
TEXAS SENATE
STATE OF TEXAS

SB 1643

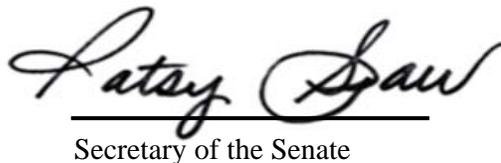
Bill Number

TO: The Honorable Governor of Texas
SUBJECT: A Bill Relating to a Conservation and Reclamation District

This is to transmit to you and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality copies of a bill relating to a conservation and reclamation district and copies of the notice of intention to introduce the bill. One copy is for your files and one for you to forward to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, under Section 59(d), Article XVI, Constitution of the State of Texas.

3/11/2021

Date transmitted to
Governor's Office



Secretary of the Senate

TO: Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
SUBJECT: A Bill Relating to a Conservation and Reclamation District

This is to forward to you a copy of a bill relating to conservation and reclamation district and a copy of the notice of intention to introduce the bill.

March 12, 2021

Date transmitted to
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality



Governor

TO: The Honorable President of the Senate
The Honorable Speaker of the House of Representatives
The Honorable Governor of Texas
SUBJECT: A Bill Relating to a Conservation and Reclamation District

Attached are recommendations of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality in compliance with Section 59(d), Article XVI, Constitution of the State of Texas.



Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

By: Creighton, Nichols

S.B. No. 1643

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to special purpose territory of the Port of Beaumont
Navigation District of Jefferson County, Texas.

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

SECTION 1. Section 5010.0104, Special District Local Laws
Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 5010.0104. DISTRICT TERRITORY. The district is
composed of the territory:

(1) in Jefferson and Orange Counties described by
Sections 1 and 1A, Chapter 147, Acts of the 51st Legislature,
Regular Session, 1949, as that territory may have been modified
under:

(A) [~~1~~] Section 3 or 3a, Chapter 103, Acts of
the 41st Legislature, 1st Called Session, 1929 (Article 8263a,
Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), before August 30, 1971;

(B) [~~2~~] Subchapter H, Chapter 62, Water Code;
or

(C) [~~3~~] other law; and

(2) described by Section 3 of the Act enacting
Subchapter F.

SECTION 2. Chapter 5010, Special District Local Laws Code,
is amended by adding Subchapter F to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER F. SPECIAL PURPOSE AREA

Sec. 5010.0601. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "special

1 purpose area" means the territory described by Section 3 of the Act
2 enacting this subchapter.

3 Sec. 5010.0602. REPORTING OF CARGO AND VESSEL MOVEMENTS.
4 Waterborne commercial cargo and vessel movements originating in or
5 departing from the special purpose area may be attributed as
6 waterborne commercial cargo or vessel movements originating in or
7 departing from the district for the purpose of reporting to the
8 United States Army Corps of Engineers under applicable federal law.

9 Sec. 5010.0603. EFFECT ON OTHER DISTRICTS. The inclusion
10 of the special purpose area in the district does not affect any
11 powers or duties exercised in the special purpose area by the
12 Sabine-Neches Navigation District or the Orange County Navigation
13 and Port District.

14 Sec. 5010.0604. TAXATION PROHIBITED. The district may not
15 impose a tax in the special purpose area.

16 SECTION 3. The Port of Beaumont Navigation District of
17 Jefferson County, Texas, includes the following two tracts as a
18 special purpose area for the purposes of Subchapter F, Chapter
19 5010, Special District Local Laws Code:

20 TRACT 1

21 BEING 1875 ± acres of land and water, part of the Neches
22 River, the Burr & Caswell Survey, Section No. 3, Abstract No. 393,
23 the O.W. Keith Survey, Abstract No. 681, the Burr & Caswell Survey,
24 Section Number 5, Abstract No. 406, the John Montez Survey,
25 Abstract No. 175, the William Carroll Survey, Abstract No. 13, and
26 the R.A. Greer Survey, Abstract No. 678, Jefferson County, Texas;
27 said 1875 ± acre tract being more fully described by metes and

1 bounds as follows, to wit:

2 BEGINNING at a point on the intersection of the thread of the
3 Neches River with the East line of the Joseph S. Johnston Survey,
4 Abstract No. 34, same being the West line of the William Carroll
5 Survey, Abstract No. 13, for the Northwest comer of the herein
6 described tract; said point being an easterly comer of the current
7 boundary of the Port of Beaumont Navigation District;

8 THENCE, in a Southeasterly direction, on the meanders of the
9 thread of the Neches River, a distance of 11.3 ± miles to its
10 intersection with the current city limits of the City of Port
11 Arthur, as described in Ordinance No. 2540, dated November 4, 1959,
12 for the Northeast comer of the herein described tract;

13 THENCE, in a Southwesterly direction, on the current city
14 limits of the City of Port Arthur, a distance of 1007' ± to a point
15 on the southwesterly bank of the Neches River where it meets the
16 mouth of Molasses Bayou, for the Southeast comer of the herein
17 described tract;

18 THENCE, in a Northwesterly direction, on the southwesterly
19 bank of the Neches River, and the Southwesterly bank of the Neches
20 River Cut-Offs shown on Volume 9, Page 10, and Volume 6, Pages
21 47-52, Map Records, Jefferson County, Texas, a distance of 9.1 ±
22 miles to a point on the current limits of the Port of Beaumont
23 Navigation District, same being the East line of the Joseph S.
24 Johnston Survey, Abstract No. 34, and the West line of the William
25 Carroll Survey, Abstract No. 13, for the Southwest comer of the
26 herein described tract;

27 THENCE, in Northerly direction, on the current limits of the

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1 Port of Beaumont Navigation District, same being the East line of
2 the Joseph S. Johnston Survey, Abstract No. 34, and the West line of
3 the William Carroll Survey, Abstract No. 13, a distance of 4050' ±
4 to the POINT OF BEGINNING, and containing 1875 ± acres of land, more
5 or less.

6 TRACT 2

7 BEING 265.4 ± acres of land, part of the Neches River, the
8 William Stephenson Survey, Abstract No. 23, and the Gilbert
9 Stevenson Survey, Abstract No. 167, Orange County, Texas; being all
10 of a (Called 250) acre tract of land, known as Tract 12, described
11 in a deed to Port of Beaumont Navigation District, recorded in
12 Volume 123, Page 376, Deed Records, Orange County, Texas, and all of
13 a (Called 108.9935) acre tract, described in a Quitclaim Deed to the
14 Port of Beaumont Navigation District, recorded in Volume 955, Page
15 34, Official Public Records, Orange County, Texas; said 265.4 ±
16 acre tract being more fully described by metes and follows as
17 follows, to wit:

18 BEGINNING at a half-inch steel rod, capped and marked
19 "SOUTEX", found on the southeasterly line of a 225' wide Kansas City
20 Southern Railway Company right of way, formerly Texarkana & Fort
21 Smith Railway Company, and the West line of a (Called 496.00) acre
22 tract of land, known as Parcel 1, described in a deed to Optimus
23 Steel, LLC, recorded in File No. 458665, Official Public Records,
24 Orange County, Texas, for the most northerly corner of the herein
25 described tract; said capped rod having coordinates of N:
26 10052007.85, E: 4274200.44;

27 THENCE, South 05 deg., 58 min., 02 sec., East, on the West

1 line of the (Called 496.00) acre tract, a distance of 1894.32' to a
2 3" steel pipe found for corner on the common line of the Gilbert
3 Stevenson Survey, Abstract No. 167 and the William Stephenson
4 Survey, Abstract No. 23; said steel pipe having coordinates of N:
5 10050123.79, E: 4274397.37;

6 THENCE, South 06 deg., 06 min., 36 sec., East, continuing on
7 the West line of the (Called 496.00) acre tract, and an extension
8 thereof, at 2271.95' passing a 1" steel pipe found for reference,
9 and continuing a total distance of 2729.68' ± to a point on the
10 thread of the Neches River, for the Southeast corner of the herein
11 described tract; said point for corner being on the current
12 boundary of the Port of Beaumont Navigation District;

13 THENCE, in a northwesterly direction, on the thread of the
14 Neches River and the current limits of the Port of Beaumont
15 Navigation District, a distance of 5143' ± to a point on the
16 southeasterly line of the 225' wide Kansas City Southern Railway
17 Company right of way, for the Southwest corner of the herein
18 described tract;

19 THENCE, North 45 deg. 36 min. 40 sec East, on the
20 southeasterly line of said Kansas City Southern Railway Company
21 right of way, a distance of 386.45' ± to a point for corner;

22 THENCE, continuing on the southeasterly line of said Kansas
23 City Southern Railway Company right of way, on the arc of a curve to
24 the right, having a radius of 2785.00', an arc length of 477.92', a
25 chord bearing of North 50 deg., 07 min., 07 sec., East, a chord
26 distance of 477.33' to a point for corner;

27 THENCE, North 55 deg., 02 min., 05 sec., East, continuing on

1 the southeasterly line of said Kansas City Southern Railway right
2 of way, a distance of 4430.21' to the POINT OF BEGINNING and
3 containing 265.4 ± acres of land and water, more or less.

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

11 (b) The governor, one of the required recipients, has
12 submitted the notice and Act to the Texas Commission on
13 Environmental Quality.

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

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

22 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
23 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
24 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
25 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
26 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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Request For Proposal
South East Texas Regional Planning Commission
"Regionally Coordinated Transportation Planning"

Background

The South East Texas Regional Planning Commission (SETRPC) is a voluntary association of local governments that serves the area composed of Hardin, Jefferson, and Orange counties. The SETRPC resolves area-wide problems by promoting intergovernmental cooperation and coordination, by conducting comprehensive regional planning, and by providing a forum for the discussion and study of area issues. The SETRPC also conducts comprehensive planning services in community development, transportation, and environmental resources. The SETRPC is the designated Lead Agency in the southeast Texas region for regional public transportation coordination and cooperation with the Texas Department of Transportation for compliance with Chapter 461 of House Bill 3588 (eliminate waste, generate efficiencies, and reduce air pollution), in developing a coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan as required by the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act). This plan is called the Regional Public Transportation Coordination Plan (RPTCP) and was completed in July 2017. The RPTCP for the southeast Texas Region identifies efforts for regional service coordination, creates a transportation coordination plan, and creates an action plan for priority projects.

Public transportation in the southeast Texas region includes primarily demand-response service, with two localities managing fixed-route systems. The SETRPC has been proceeding with planning efforts to implement projects in the region to provide seamless transportation within the region for the users of public transportation.

Objective
The SETRPC is seeking consultant services to assist in completing an updated, comprehensive regionally coordinated transportation plan and in participating in public involvement outreach. In addition, consultant services will involve performing transportation planning to develop implementation strategies for enhancing regional transportation services that lead to seamless public transportation throughout the southeast Texas region. It is anticipated that the requested services will be performed between March 18, 2021 and February 29, 2022. Proposals are being requested from qualified firms or individuals with specific experience to perform this assignment.

If your firm is interested and qualified to complete Regionally Coordinated Transportation Planning for the southeast Texas region, please contact our office to express your interest:

Bob Dickinson
Director
Transportation and Environmental Resources
South East Texas Regional Planning Commission
2210 Eastex Freeway
Beaumont, Texas 77703
Fax: 409.729.6511
Email: bdickinson@setrpc.org

All responding firms will receive a complete Request for Proposal package. First proposals will be due by 3:00 noon CST on 02-26-2021.

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO INTRODUCE A BILL

Pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, notice is hereby given of the intention to apply to the 87th Legislature of the State of Texas at its Regular Session in Austin, Texas for the introduction of a Bill, the substance of the contemplated law being as follows:

An Act relating to the special purpose territory of the Port of Beaumont Navigation District of Jefferson County, Texas. The costs for the publication of this Notice were paid by D. Chris Fisher, Port Director & CEO, on behalf of the Port of Beaumont Navigation District of Jefferson County, Texas. The Act will provide as follows:

Section 1. Sec. 5010.0104 of the Special District Local Laws Code, is amended to add Subsection 5010.0104(2), as to the special purpose territory of the District.

Section 2. Chapter 5010, Sub-Chapter F, Special District Local Laws Code, is added to specify as follows:

Sec. 5010.0601. DEFINITION. Special Purpose Area.

Sec. 5010.0602. REPORTING OF CARGO AND VESSEL MOVEMENTS.

Sec. 5010.0603. EFFECT ON OTHER DISTRICTS.

Sec. 5010.0604. TAXATION PROHIBITED.

Section 3. Specifies the special purpose area of the District.

Section 4. Provides for legal notice of the intention to introduce the Act as set forth herein and notes certain persons, agencies, officials or entities which are required to be furnished notice and copy of the Act under §59, Article XI, Texas Constitution and Chapter 313, Government Code.

Section 5. States, if adopted, the Act takes effect on September 1, 2021.

Port of Beaumont Navigation District of Jefferson County, Texas is located with the City of Beaumont, Texas and adjacent unincorporated areas within Jefferson County, Texas. All interested persons will therefore, take notice of the matters and facts set out in the foregoing statement of the substance of the contemplated laws as required by the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas.

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