By:  Rogers, Lambert (Senate Sponsor - Buckingham) H.B. No. 1554

(In the Senate - Received from the House May 3, 2021; May 10, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Local Government; May 20, 2021, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 20, 2021, sent to printer.)

COMMITTEE VOTE

                 Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Bettencourt       X

Menéndez          X

Eckhardt          X

Gutierrez         X

Hall                       X

Nichols                    X

Paxton            X

Springer          X

Zaffirini                  X

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to use of project funds of municipal development districts.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 377.072(c), Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c)  Except as provided by Subsections (d) and (e), the district may use money in the development project fund only to:

(1)  pay the costs of planning, acquiring, establishing, developing, constructing, or renovating one or more development projects located:

(A)  in the district; or

(B)  outside the district, if:

(i)  the project is located in the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the municipality that created the district;

(ii)  the board determines that the development project will provide an economic benefit to the district; and

(iii)  the following entities, as applicable, by resolution approve the development project:

(a)  the municipality that created the district; and

(b)  each municipality in whose corporate limits or extraterritorial jurisdiction the project is located;

(2)  pay the principal of, interest on, and other costs relating to bonds or other obligations issued by the district or to refund bonds or other obligations; or

(3)  pay the costs of operating or maintaining one or more development projects during the planning, acquisition, establishment, development, construction, or renovation or while bonds or other obligations for the planning, acquisition, establishment, development, construction, or renovation are outstanding.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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