By:  Deshotel (Senate Sponsor - Creighton) H.B. No. 4577

(In the Senate - Received from the House May 3, 2021; May 10, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Local Government; May 14, 2021, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 14, 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 the authority of the Chambers County Improvement District No. 1 to issue bonds and impose certain taxes or assessments.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 3854.152, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 3854.152.  ELECTIONS. Except as provided by Section 3854.202, the [~~The~~] district shall hold elections as provided by Subchapter L, Chapter 375, Local Government Code.

SECTION 2.  Section 3854.202, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(a)  Except as provided by Subsection (c), the [~~The~~] district shall hold an election in the manner provided by Subchapter L, Chapter 375, Local Government Code, to obtain voter approval for the district to impose a maintenance tax or issue bonds payable from ad valorem taxes or assessments.

(c)  Section 375.243, Local Government Code, does not apply to the district.

SECTION 3.  Section 3854.205(b), Special District Local Laws Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b)  A petition under Section 375.114 or 375.243, Local Government Code, is not required for the board to levy a tax, assessment, or impact fee to finance improvement projects and services under this chapter.

SECTION 4.  Sections 3854.209(b), (c), and (d), Special District Local Laws Code, are repealed.

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

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

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

(d)  All requirements of the constitution and laws of this state and the rules and procedures of the legislature with respect to the notice, introduction, and passage of this Act have been fulfilled and accomplished.

SECTION 6.  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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