H.B. No. 4614

AN ACT

relating to the authority of the Brazoria Drainage District Number Four to impose a maintenance tax and the validation of certain acts of the Brazoria Drainage District Number Four.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 19, Chapter 991, Acts of the 74th Legislature, Regular Session, 1995, is amended by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(e)  This section applies only to a maintenance tax levied and collected under the powers conferred by Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution.

SECTION 2.  Chapter 991, Acts of the 74th Legislature, Regular Session, 1995, is amended by adding Section 19A to read as follows:

Sec. 19A.  MAINTENANCE TAX: SECTION 52, ARTICLE III. The district may impose a maintenance tax under the powers conferred by Section 52, Article III, Texas Constitution, as authorized by Chapter 7, Acts of the 41st Legislature, 1st Called Session, 1929.

SECTION 3.  The legislature validates and confirms all governmental acts and proceedings of Brazoria Drainage District Number Four before the effective date of this Act in imposing a maintenance tax.

SECTION 4.  (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, the lieutenant governor, and the 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 are fulfilled and accomplished.

SECTION 5.  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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    President of the Senate Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 4614 was passed by the House on May 8, 2021, by the following vote:  Yeas 109, Nays 30, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 4614 on May 28, 2021, by the following vote:  Yeas 96, Nays 51, 2 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 4614 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 27, 2021, by the following vote:  Yeas 30, Nays 1.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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