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H.B. No. 2194

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the administration of navigation districts.

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

SECTION 1. Section 60.101, Water Code, is amended by amending Subsection (d) and adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(d) A district may contract with a broker to sell or lease a tract of land in the same manner as the commissioners court of a county under Section 263.008, Local Government Code.

(e) A lease that requires the lessee to construct improvements on land owned by the district is not a public work contract for purposes of Chapter 2253, Government Code.

SECTION 2. Sections 60.172(b), (c), and (d), Water Code, are amended to read as follows:

(b) The commission shall fix a time and place at which a public hearing concerning the proposed indebtedness shall be held. The date of the hearing shall be not less than seven [~~15~~] days nor more than 30 days from the date of the resolution of the commission giving [~~the~~] notice of the hearing date.

(c) Notice published by the commission under this section shall:

(1) include a statement of the amount and purpose of the proposed indebtedness;

(2) inform all persons of the time and place of

1 hearing; and

2 (3) inform all persons of their right to express their
3 views [~~appear~~] at the hearing, orally or in writing, and contend for
4 or protest the creation of the indebtedness.

5 (d) The secretary of the commission shall publish [~~post~~
6 ~~copies of~~] the notice not earlier than the seventh day [~~for 10 days~~]
7 before the date [~~day~~] of the hearing:

8 (1) in a newspaper of general circulation in the
9 district's territory that is available to residents of the
10 district; or

11 (2) on the district's Internet website, in an area of
12 that website used to inform district residents about events such as
13 public meetings [~~three public places in the district and at the door~~
14 ~~of each county courthouse located in the district~~].

15 SECTION 3. The heading to Section 60.405, Water Code, is
16 amended to read as follows:

17 Sec. 60.405. PROPOSAL PROCEDURES [~~COMPETITIVE SEALED~~
18 ~~PROPOSALS~~].

19 SECTION 4. Section 60.172(e), Water Code, is repealed.

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