By:  Bettencourt S.B. No. 1250

(In the Senate - Filed February 27, 2023; March 9, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Local Government; March 29, 2023, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; March 29, 2023, sent to printer.)

COMMITTEE VOTE

                 Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Bettencourt       X

Springer          X

Eckhardt          X

Gutierrez                   X

Hall              X

Nichols           X

Parker            X

Paxton            X

West                        X

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the powers of the Harris County Water Control and Improvement District No. 110; providing authority to impose a fee and impose fines and penalties.

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

SECTION 1.  Subtitle F, Title 6, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Chapter 7938 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 7938.  HARRIS COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 110

SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 7938.0101.  DEFINITION.  In this chapter, "district" means the Harris County Water Control and Improvement District No. 110.

SUBCHAPTER B.  POWERS AND DUTIES

Sec. 7938.0201.  AUTHORITY TO ISSUE CERTIFICATES OF COMPLIANCE FOR STORMWATER DETENTION FACILITIES. (a) The district may implement a program to require and issue an annual written certificate of compliance to the owner or operator of a stormwater detention facility within the boundaries of the district to ensure that each stormwater detention facility is operating to abate flooding as designed and approved by the applicable regulatory authority.

(b)  The district may assess reasonable charges and fees for the implementation, administration, and enforcement of this section.

(c)  The district may impose a fine or penalty on the owner or operator of a stormwater detention facility for the failure to hold a certificate of compliance as required by the district under this section.

SECTION 2.  The Harris County Water Control and Improvement District No. 110 retains all the rights, powers, privileges, authority, duties, and functions that it had before the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3.  (a) The legislature validates and confirms all governmental acts and proceedings of the Harris County Water Control and Improvement District No. 110 that were taken before the effective date of this Act.

(b)  This section does not apply to any matter that on the effective date of this Act:

(1)  is involved in litigation if the litigation ultimately results in the matter being held invalid by a final court judgment; or

(2)  has been held invalid by a final court judgment.

SECTION 4.  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, 2023.

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