

AN ACT

relating to taxing authority of Jackson County County-Wide Drainage District.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 14(a), (b), and (f), Chapter 200, Acts of the 61st Legislature, Regular Session, 1969, are amended to read as follows:

(a) On the approval of a majority of the electors of the District voting at an election called for that purpose, the District may levy and collect an ad valorem ~~[a]~~ tax at a rate of not more than 75 cents on each \$100 of assessed valuation to be used to pay the principal of and interest on bonds issued by the District ~~[district]~~ and to pay for the operation of the District ~~[district]~~ and maintenance of its property.

(b) Before a tax is levied under this section, the District shall hold an election in the District in the manner provided in Section 17 of this Act to approve the tax rate. The ballots for the election shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: 'The levy and collection of a tax on all property in the Jackson County County-Wide Drainage District in an amount of not more than ____ (insert the amount prescribed by the election order, not to exceed 75 cents) ~~[75]~~ cents on each \$100 of assessed valuation.' The proposition for the levy of the tax may be submitted at one or more ~~[a]~~ separate elections ~~[election]~~ or it may

1 be submitted at one or more elections [~~an election~~] held for other
2 purposes by the District. A maximum tax rate approved at an
3 election under this subsection may be modified by the District in
4 the same manner as provided by this section.

5 (f) The assessor and collector of taxes for the District is
6 entitled to a fee for the assessor and collector's [~~his~~] services of
7 not more than one percent of the total tax collected, but not more
8 than \$10,000 [~~\$5,000~~] in any one fiscal year. The board shall
9 determine the exact amount of the fee, and the assessor and
10 collector of taxes for the District shall deduct this fee from the
11 tax payments made to the District. If the county tax assessor and
12 collector is acting as assessor and collector of taxes for the
13 District, the assessor and collector [~~he~~] shall deposit the fee
14 paid under this subsection in the general fund of the county as a
15 fee of office.

16 SECTION 2. (a) The legal notice of the intention to
17 introduce this Act, setting forth the general substance of this
18 Act, has been published as provided by law, and the notice and a
19 copy of this Act have been furnished to all persons, agencies,
20 officials, or entities to which they are required to be furnished
21 under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, and Chapter 313,
22 Government Code.

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

26 (c) The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has filed
27 its recommendations relating to this Act with the governor, the

1 lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of
2 representatives within the required time.

3 (d) All requirements of the constitution and laws of this
4 state and the rules and procedures of the legislature with respect
5 to the notice, introduction, and passage of this Act are fulfilled
6 and accomplished.

7 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
8 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
9 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
10 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
11 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

H.B. No. 4704

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 4704 was passed by the House on April 28, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 125, Nays 19, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 4704 on May 25, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 119, Nays 17, 3 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 4704 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 21, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 27, Nays 4.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor