

1-1 By: Morrison (Senate Sponsor - Huffman) H.B. No. 4704
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 1, 2023;
1-3 May 2, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Local
1-4 Government; May 18, 2023, reported adversely, with favorable
1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0;
1-6 May 18, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	<u>Bettencourt</u>	X		
1-10	<u>Springer</u>	X		
1-11	<u>Eckhardt</u>	X		
1-12	<u>Gutierrez</u>	X		
1-13	<u>Hall</u>	X		
1-14	<u>Nichols</u>	X		
1-15	<u>Parker</u>	X		
1-16	<u>Paxton</u>	X		
1-17	<u>West</u>	X		

1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 4704 By: Nichols

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to taxing authority of Jackson County County-Wide Drainage
1-22 District.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Sections 14(a), (b), and (f), Chapter 200, Acts
1-25 of the 61st Legislature, Regular Session, 1969, are amended to read
1-26 as follows:

1-27 (a) On the approval of a majority of the electors of the
1-28 District voting at an election called for that purpose, the
1-29 District may levy and collect an ad valorem [a] tax at a rate of not
1-30 more than 75 cents on each \$100 of assessed valuation to be used to
1-31 pay the principal of and interest on bonds issued by the District
1-32 [district] and to pay for the operation of the District [district]
1-33 and maintenance of its property.

1-34 (b) Before a tax is levied under this section, the District
1-35 shall hold an election in the District in the manner provided in
1-36 Section 17 of this Act to approve the tax rate. The ballots for the
1-37 election shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the
1-38 proposition: 'The levy and collection of a tax on all property in
1-39 the Jackson County County-Wide Drainage District in an amount of
1-40 not more than _____ (insert the amount prescribed by the election
1-41 order, not to exceed 75 cents) [75] cents on each \$100 of assessed
1-42 valuation.' The proposition for the levy of the tax may be
1-43 submitted at one or more [a] separate elections [election] or it may
1-44 be submitted at one or more elections [an election] held for other
1-45 purposes by the District. A maximum tax rate approved at an
1-46 election under this subsection may be modified by the District in
1-47 the same manner as provided by this section.

1-48 (f) The assessor and collector of taxes for the District is
1-49 entitled to a fee for the assessor and collector's [his] services of
1-50 not more than one percent of the total tax collected, but not more
1-51 than \$10,000 [\$5,000] in any one fiscal year. The board shall
1-52 determine the exact amount of the fee, and the assessor and
1-53 collector of taxes for the District shall deduct this fee from the
1-54 tax payments made to the District. If the county tax assessor and
1-55 collector is acting as assessor and collector of taxes for the
1-56 District, the assessor and collector [he] shall deposit the fee
1-57 paid under this subsection in the general fund of the county as a
1-58 fee of office.

1-59 SECTION 2. (a) The legal notice of the intention to
1-60 introduce this Act, setting forth the general substance of this

2-1 Act, has been published as provided by law, and the notice and a
2-2 copy of this Act have been furnished to all persons, agencies,
2-3 officials, or entities to which they are required to be furnished
2-4 under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, and Chapter 313,
2-5 Government Code.

2-6 (b) The governor, one of the required recipients, has
2-7 submitted the notice and Act to the Texas Commission on
2-8 Environmental Quality.

2-9 (c) The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has filed
2-10 its recommendations relating to this Act with the governor, the
2-11 lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of
2-12 representatives within the required time.

2-13 (d) All requirements of the constitution and laws of this
2-14 state and the rules and procedures of the legislature with respect
2-15 to the notice, introduction, and passage of this Act are fulfilled
2-16 and accomplished.

2-17 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-18 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-19 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-20 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-21 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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