By: Blanco
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1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

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	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
Perry	X			
Hancock		X		
Blanco	X			
Flores	X			
Gutierrez			Χ	
Johnson			Χ	
Kolkhorst	X			
Sparks	Χ			
Springer	X			

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED 1-18 AN ACT

> relating to the issuance by certain conservation and reclamation districts of bonds for the development and maintenance recreational facilities.

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

SECTION 1. Section 49.4645(a), Water Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A district all or part of which is located in Bastrop County, Bexar County, Waller County, Travis County, Williamson County, Harris County, Galveston County, Brazoria County, Montgomery County, El Paso County, or Fort Bend County may issue bonds supported by ad valorem taxes to pay for the development and maintenance of recreational facilities only if the bonds are authorized by a majority vote of the voters of the district voting in an election held for that purpose. Except as provided by Subsection (a-1), the outstanding principal amount of bonds, notes, and other obligations issued to finance [parks and] recreational facilities supported by ad valorem taxes may not exceed an amount equal to one percent of the value of the taxable property in the district as shown by the tax rolls of the central appraisal district at the time of the issuance of the bonds, notes, and other obligations. To establish the value of the taxable property in a district under this section, the district may use an estimate of the value provided by the central appraisal district. The district may not issue bonds supported by ad valorem taxes to pay for the development and maintenance of:

indoor or outdoor swimming pools; or (1)

(2) golf courses.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect on the date on which the constitutional amendment proposed by the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, relating to the authority of the legislature to permit conservation and reclamation districts in El Paso County to issue bonds supported by ad valorem taxes to fund the development and maintenance of parks and recreational facilities is approved by the voters. If that amendment is not approved by the voters, this Act has no effect.

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