# Chapter 619

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1	AN ACT			
2	relating to the Anthem Municipal Utility District; providing			
3	authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose			
4	assessments, fees, and taxes.			
5	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:			
6	SECTION 1. Subtitle F, Title 6, Special District Local Laws			
7	Code, is amended by adding Chapter 7979 to read as follows:			
8	CHAPTER 7979. ANTHEM MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT			
9	SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS			
10	Sec. 7979.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:			
11	(1) "Board" means the district's board of directors.			
12	(2) "Commission" means the Texas Commission on			
13	Environmental Quality.			
14	(3) "Director" means a board member.			
15	(4) "District" means the Anthem Municipal Utility			
16	District.			
17	Sec. 7979.002. NATURE OF DISTRICT. The district is a			
18	municipal utility district created under Section 59, Article XVI,			
19	Texas Constitution.			
20	Sec. 7979.003. FINDINGS OF PUBLIC PURPOSE AND BENEFIT. (a)			
21	The district is created to serve a public purpose and benefit.			
22	(b) The district is created to accomplish the purposes of:			
23	(1) a municipal utility district as provided by			
24	general law and Section 59. Article XVI. Texas Constitution; and			

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H.B. No. 4270 1 (2) Section 52, Article III, Texas Constitution, that 2 relate to the construction, acquisition, improvement, operation, 3 or maintenance of macadamized, graveled, or paved roads, or improvements, including storm drainage and landscaping, in aid of 4 5 those roads. 6 SUBCHAPTER B. POWERS AND DUTIES 7 Sec. 7979.051. GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES. The district has 8 the powers and duties necessary to accomplish the purposes for 9 which the district is created. 10 Sec. 7979.052. MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT POWERS AND 11 DUTIES. The district has the powers and duties provided by the 12 general law of this state, including Chapters 49 and 54, Water Code, 13 applicable to municipal utility districts created under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution. 14 15 Sec. 7979.053. AUTHORITY FOR ROAD PROJECTS. Under Section 52, Article III, Texas Constitution, the district may design, 16 acquire, construct, finance, issue bonds for, improve, operate, 17 18 maintain, and convey to this state, a county, or a municipality for operation and maintenance macadamized, graveled, or paved roads, or 19 20 improvements, including storm drainage and landscaping, in aid of 21 those roads. 22 Sec. 7979.054. ROAD STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS. (a) A road 23 project must meet all applicable construction standards, zoning and subdivision requirements, and regulations of each municipality in 24 25 whose corporate limits or extraterritorial jurisdiction the road 26 project is located. 27 (b) If a road project is not located in the corporate limits

H.B. No. 4270 or extraterritorial jurisdiction of a municipality, the road 1 project must meet all applicable construction standards, 2 subdivision requirements, and regulations of each county in which 3 4 the road project is located. (c) If the state will maintain and operate the road, the 5 6 Texas Transportation Commission must approve the plans and 7 specifications of the road project. Sec. 7979.055. STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT. 8 The district may negotiate and enter into a written strategic 9 partnership agreement with: 10 11 (1) a municipality under Section 43.0751, Local Government Code; and 12 (2) a municipality that provides water and wastewater 13 14 services to the district. 15 SUBCHAPTER C. GENERAL FINANCIAL PROVISIONS Sec. 7979.101. ELECTIONS REGARDING TAXES OR BONDS. (a) The 16 17 district may issue, without an election, bonds and other 18 obligations secured by: 19 (1) revenue other than ad valorem taxes; or 20 (2) contract payments described by Section 7979.103. (b) The district must hold an election in the manner 21 22 provided by Chapters 49 and 54, Water Code, to obtain voter approval before the district may impose an ad valorem tax or issue bonds 23 24 payable from ad valorem taxes. 25 (c) The district may not issue bonds payable from ad valorem taxes to finance a road project unless the issuance is approved by a 26 vote of a two-thirds majority of the district voters voting at an 27

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1 election held for that purpose. 2 Sec. 7979.102. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE TAX. (a) If authorized at an election held under Section 7979.101, the district 3 4 may impose an operation and maintenance tax on taxable property in 5 the district in accordance with Section 49.107, Water Code. 6 (b) The board shall determine the tax rate. The rate may not 7 exceed the rate approved at the election. Sec. 7979.103. CONTRACT TAXES. (a) In accordance with 8 9 Section 49.108, Water Code, the district may impose a tax other than 10 an operation and maintenance tax and use the revenue derived from the tax to make payments under a contract after the provisions of 11 12 the contract have been approved by a majority of the district voters 13 voting at an election held for that purpose. (b) A contract approved by the district voters may contain a 14 15 provision stating that the contract may be modified or amended by the board without further voter approval. 16 17 SUBCHAPTER D. ASSESSMENTS; APPLICABILITY OF IMPACT FEES AND 18 ASSESSMENTS 19 Sec. 7979.151. PETITION REQUIRED FOR FINANCING 20 RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, IMPROVEMENTS, AND SERVICES WITH ASSESSMENTS. (a) The board may finance the construction or 21 22 maintenance of a recreational facility or improvement or finance the provision of a recreational service with assessments on 23 commercial or residential property, or both, under this subchapter, 24 25 but only if: 26 (1) a written petition requesting that facility, 27 improvement, or service has been filed with the board; and

1	(2) the board holds a hearing on the proposed
2	assessments.
3	(b) The petition must be signed by the owners of a majority
4	of the assessed value of real property in the district subject to
5	assessment according to the most recent certified tax appraisal
6	roll for the county.
7	Sec. 7979.152. METHOD OF NOTICE FOR HEARING. The district
8	shall mail notice of the hearing to each property owner in the
9	district who will be subject to the assessment at the current
10	address to be assessed as reflected on the tax rolls. The district
11	may mail the notice by certified or first class United States mail.
12	The board shall determine the method of notice.
13	Sec. 7979.153. ASSESSMENTS; LIENS FOR ASSESSMENTS. (a) An
14	assessment or a reassessment imposed under this subchapter by the
15	district, penalties and interest on an assessment or reassessment,
16	an expense of collection, and reasonable attorney's fees incurred
17	by the district:
18	(1) are a first and prior lien against the property
19	assessed;
20	(2) are superior to any other lien or claim other than
21	a lien or claim for county, school district, or municipal ad valorem
22	taxes; and
23	(3) are the personal liability of and a charge against
24	the owners of the property even if the owners are not named in the
25	assessment proceedings.
26	(b) The lien is effective from the date of the board's
27	resolution imposing the assessment until the date the assessment is

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paid. The board may enforce the lien in the same manner that the 1 2 board may enforce an ad valorem tax lien against real property. 3 (c) The board may make a correction to or deletion from the 4 assessment roll that does not increase the amount of assessment of 5 any parcel of land without providing notice and holding a hearing in the manner required for additional assessments. 6 7 Sec. 7979.154. UTILITY PROPERTY EXEMPT FROM IMPACT FEES AND The district may not impose an impact fee or 8 ASSESSMENTS. <u>assessment</u> 9 the property, including the on equipment, 10 rights-of-way, facilities, or improvements, of: 11 (1) an electric utility or a power generation company 12 as defined by Section 31.002, Utilities Code; 13 (2) a gas utility as defined by Section 101.003 or 14 121.001, Utilities Code; 15 (3) a telecommunications provider as defined by 16 Section 51.002, Utilities Code; or 17 (4) a person who provides to the public cable television or advanced telecommunications services. 18 SUBCHAPTER E. BONDS AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS 19 AND 20 Sec. 7979.201. AUTHORITY TO ISSUE BONDS OTHER 21 OBLIGATIONS. The district may issue bonds or other obligations payable wholly or partly from ad valorem taxes, impact fees, 22 revenue, contract payments, grants, or other district money, or any 23 24 combination of those sources, to pay for any authorized district 25 purpose. Sec. 7979.202. TAXES FOR BONDS. At the time the district 26 27 issues bonds payable wholly or partly from ad valorem taxes, the

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1 board shall provide for the annual imposition of a continuing 2 direct ad valorem tax, without limit as to rate or amount, while all 3 or part of the bonds are outstanding as required and in the manner 4 provided by Sections 54.601 and 54.602, Water Code. 5 Sec. 7979.203. BONDS FOR ROAD PROJECTS. At the time of 6 issuance, the total principal amount of bonds or other obligations 7 issued or incurred to finance road projects and payable from ad

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8 valorem taxes may not exceed one-fourth of the assessed value of the 9 real property in the district.

10 SECTION 2. (a) All governmental and proprietary actions 11 and proceedings of the Anthem Municipal Utility District taken 12 before the effective date of this Act are validated, ratified, and 13 confirmed in all respects as of the dates on which they occurred.

14 (b) This section does not apply to any matter that on the15 effective date of this Act:

16 (1) is involved in litigation if the litigation 17 ultimately results in the matter being held invalid by a final court 18 judgment; or

19 (2) has been held invalid by a final court judgment. SECTION 3. (a) The legal notice of the intention to 20 introduce this Act, setting forth the general substance of this 21 Act, has been published as provided by law, and the notice and a 22 copy of this Act have been furnished to all persons, agencies, 23 24 officials, or entities to which they are required to be furnished under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, and Chapter 313, 25 Government Code. 26

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(b) The governor, one of the required recipients, has

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submitted the notice and Act to the Texas Commission on
Environmental Quality.

3 (c) The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has filed 4 its recommendations relating to this Act with the governor, the the 5 lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house of representatives within the required time. 6

7 (d) All requirements of the constitution and laws of this 8 state and the rules and procedures of the legislature with respect 9 to the notice, introduction, and passage of this Act are fulfilled 10 and accomplished.

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, 2017.

President of the Senate

H.B. No. 4270 Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 4270 was passed by the House on May 19, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 137, Nays 7, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the Hour

I certify that H.B. No. 4270 was passed by the Senate on May 24, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Naxs 1.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED:

Date

Governor

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Secretary of State

## FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

## May 22, 2017

TO: Honorable Lois W. Kolkhorst, Chair, Senate Committee on Administration

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB4270 by Isaac (Relating to the Anthem Municipal Utility District; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.), As Engrossed

#### No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

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The bill would take effect September 1, 2017.

#### Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: LBB Staff: UP, KK, JGA, GG, BM

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## FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

#### May 5, 2017

#### **TO**: Honorable Jim Murphy, Chair, House Committee on Special Purpose Districts

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB4270** by Isaac (Relating to the Anthem Municipal Utility District; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted** 

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## FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

## April 26, 2017

**TO:** Honorable Jim Murphy, Chair, House Committee on Special Purpose Districts

#### **FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB4270** by Isaac (Relating to the Anthem Municipal Utility District; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.), As **Introduced** 

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#### WATER DEVELOPMENT POLICY IMPACT STATEMENT

#### 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

#### May 5, 2017

**TO:** Honorable Jim Murphy, Chair, House Committee on Special Purpose Districts

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB4270** by Isaac (Relating to the Anthem Municipal Utility District; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted** 

The Legislative Budget Board, in cooperation with the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has determined that:

No Water Development Policy Impact Statement will be prepared for this bill under the provisions of Texas Constitution, Article 16, Section 59(d) as this bill does not create a conservation and reclamation district.

Source Agencies: 582 Commission on Environmental Quality, 580 Water Development Board

LBB Staff: UP, SZ

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### WATER DEVELOPMENT POLICY IMPACT STATEMENT

#### 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

## April 24, 2017

**TO:** Honorable Jim Murphy, Chair, House Committee on Special Purpose Districts

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB4270** by Isaac (Relating to the Anthem Municipal Utility District; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.), As **Introduced** 

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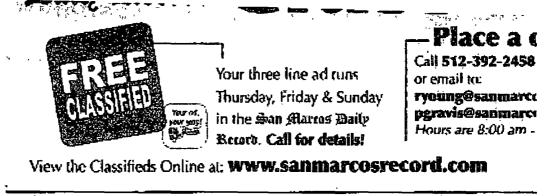
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#### NOTICE

This is to give notice of intent to introduce In the 85th Legislature, Regular Sossion, a bill to be entitled an Act relating to Anthem Municipal Utility District, which bill shall pertean to the to the administration, powers, addesonal powers, duties, operation and financing of the Anthem Municipal Utility Dis-trict of Hays County, a Conservation and Rectamation District to be Created Under Article XVI, Section 59 of the Texas Constitution created to Acquire, Construct, Finance, and Operate Water, Sewer, Drainage, and Road improvements serving the following (espective tracts of land:

A DESCRIPTION OF A 599.25 ACRÉ TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND WHICH COMPRISES PART OF THE ANDREW DUNN LEAGUE SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 4 AND PART OF THE JOHN COOPER SURVEY NO. 13, ABSTRACT NO. 100, BOTH SITUATED IN HAYS COUNTY, TEXAS; BEING PART OF THAT CERTAIN 578.23 ACRE (DEED/CALLED ACREAGE) TRACT OF LAND DE-SCRIBED IN A CONVEYANCE TO MARY ACREAGE) TRACT OF LAND DE-SCRIBED IN A CONVEYANCE TO MARY LOUISE NANCE FOUND OF RECORD IN 128, PAGE 545 ET SEQ. OF EED RECORDS OF SAID VOLUME THE DEED COUNTY AND PART OF THAT CERTAIN OF LAND ACRE 130.17 ACREAGE) TRACT SCRIBED IN VOLUME 120, PAGE 393 ET SEQ. OF THE SAID DEED SEQ. RECORDS, BEING THOSE CERTAIN TRACTS DESCRIBED IN A QUITCLAIM DEED DATED JUNE 15, 2008, RECORDED IN VOLUME 2974, PAGE 614 ET SEQ. OF THE OFFICIAL PUBLIC OF SAID RECORDS COUNTY AND COMPRISING PART OF THAT CERTAIN ACREAGE) TRAM (DEED/CALLED ACREAGE) TRACT OF LAND DE-SCRIBED IN VOLUME 4003, PAGE 265 ET SEQ. OF THE SAID OFFICIAL PUB-LIC RECORDS AND FURTHER BEING

Legal Notice Notice Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Restaurant Mixed Beverage License by Gumby's Pizza and Wings, to be located at 312 W. Hop-Marcos, kins, San Hays, Texas. Officers of said corporation Forrest Higdon, President and John Higdon, Member

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