

Chapter 777

H.B. No. 1676

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the powers and duties of the Harris County Municipal  
3 Utility District No. 378; providing authority to issue bonds.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subtitle F, Title 6, Special District Local Laws  
6 Code, is amended by adding Chapter 8032 to read as follows:

7 CHAPTER 8032. HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 378

8 SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

9 Sec. 8032.0001. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "district"  
10 means the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 378.

11 Sec. 8032.0002. FINDINGS OF PUBLIC PURPOSE AND BENEFIT.

12 (a) The district is created to serve a public purpose and benefit.

13 (b) The district is created to accomplish the purposes of:

14 (1) a municipal utility district as provided by  
15 general law and Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution; and

16 (2) Section 52, Article III, Texas Constitution, that  
17 relate to the construction, acquisition, improvement, operation,  
18 or maintenance of macadamized, graveled, or paved roads, or  
19 improvements, including storm drainage, in aid of those roads.

20 SUBCHAPTER B. POWERS AND DUTIES

21 Sec. 8032.0051. AUTHORITY FOR ROAD PROJECTS. Under Section  
22 52, Article III, Texas Constitution, the district may design,  
23 acquire, construct, finance, issue bonds for, improve, operate,  
24 maintain, and convey to this state, a county, or a municipality for

1 operation and maintenance macadamized, graveled, or paved roads, or  
2 improvements, including storm drainage, in aid of those roads.

3 Sec. 8032.0052. ROAD STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS. (a) A  
4 road project must meet all applicable construction standards,  
5 zoning and subdivision requirements, and regulations of each  
6 municipality in whose corporate limits or extraterritorial  
7 jurisdiction the road project is located.

8 (b) If a road project is not located in the corporate limits  
9 or extraterritorial jurisdiction of a municipality, the road  
10 project must meet all applicable construction standards,  
11 subdivision requirements, and regulations of each county in which  
12 the road project is located.

13 (c) If the state will maintain and operate the road, the  
14 Texas Transportation Commission must approve the plans and  
15 specifications of the road project.

16 SUBCHAPTER C. BONDS

17 Sec. 8032.0101. BONDS FOR ROAD PROJECTS. At the time of  
18 issuance, the total principal amount of bonds or other obligations  
19 issued or incurred to finance road projects and payable from ad  
20 valorem taxes may not exceed one-fourth of the assessed value of the  
21 real property in the district.

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

1 Government Code.

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

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

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

13           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
14 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
15 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
16 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
17 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

*Dan Patrick*

President of the Senate

*Devin Boser*

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1676 was passed by the House on May 7, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 125, Nays 21, 2 present, not voting.

*Robert Haney*

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1676 was passed by the Senate on May 21, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

*Datsey Spaw*

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED:

6-9-2019

Date

*Greg Abbott*

Governor

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Secretary of State