Chapter 1007

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| 1 | AN ACT |
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| 2 | relating to the powers and duties of the Williamson County |
| 3 | Municipal Utility District No. 28; providing authority to issue |
| 4 | bonds; providing authority to impose a tax. |
| 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 7898 to read as follows: |
| 8 | CHAPTER 7898. WILLIAMSON COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 28 |
| 9 | SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS |
| 10 | Sec. 7898.0101. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter: |
| 11 | (1) "Board" means the district's board of directors. |
| 12 | (2) "District" means the Williamson County Municipal |
| 13 | Utility District No. 28. |
| 14 | Sec. 7898.0102. NATURE AND PURPOSES OF DISTRICT. (a) The |
| 15 | district is a municipal utility district created under Section 59, |
| 16 | Article XVI, Texas Constitution. |
| 17 | (b) The district is created to accomplish the purposes of: |
| 18 | (1) a municipal utility district as provided by |
| 19 | general law and Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution; and |
| 20 | (2) Section 52, Article III, Texas Constitution, that |
| 21 | relate to the construction, acquisition, improvement, operation, |
| 22 | or maintenance of macadamized, graveled, or paved roads, or |
| 23 | improvements, including storm drainage in aid of those roads |

1 SUBCHAPTER B. POWERS AND DUTIES

- Sec. 7898.0201. GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES. The district
- 3 has the powers and duties necessary to accomplish the purposes for
- 4 which the district is created.
- 5 Sec. 7898.0202. MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT POWERS AND
- 6 DUTIES. The district has the powers and duties provided by the
- 7 general law of this state, including Chapters 49 and 54, Water Code,
- 8 applicable to municipal utility districts created under Section 59,
- 9 Article XVI, Texas Constitution.
- 10 Sec. 7898.0203. AUTHORITY FOR ROAD PROJECTS. Under Section
- 11 52, Article III, Texas Constitution, the district may design,
- 12 acquire, construct, finance, issue bonds for, improve, operate,
- 13 maintain, and convey to this state, a county, or a municipality for
- 14 operation and maintenance macadamized, graveled, or paved roads, or
- 15 improvements, including storm drainage, in aid of those roads.
- Sec. 7898.0204. ROAD STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS. (a) A
- 17 road project must meet all applicable construction standards,
- 18 zoning and subdivision requirements, and regulations of each
- 19 municipality in whose corporate limits or extraterritorial
- 20 jurisdiction the road project is located.
- 21 (b) If a road project is not located in the corporate limits
- 22 or extraterritorial jurisdiction of a municipality, the road
- 23 project must meet all applicable construction standards,
- 24 subdivision requirements, and regulations of each county in which
- 25 the road project is located.
- (c) If the state will maintain and operate the road, the
- 27 Texas Transportation Commission must approve the plans and

- 1 specifications of the road project.
- 2 SUBCHAPTER C. BONDS AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS
- 3 Sec. 7898.0301. AUTHORITY TO ISSUE BONDS AND OTHER
- 4 OBLIGATIONS FOR ROAD PROJECTS. (a) The district may issue bonds or
- 5 other obligations payable wholly or partly from ad valorem taxes,
- 6 impact fees, revenue, contract payments, grants, or other district
- 7 money, or any combination of those sources, to pay for a road
- 8 project authorized by Section 7898.0203.
- 9 (b) The district may not issue bonds payable from ad valorem
- 10 taxes to finance a road project unless the issuance is approved by a
- 11 vote of a two-thirds majority of the district voters voting at an
- 12 <u>election held for that purpose.</u>
- (c) At the time of issuance, the total principal amount of
- 14 bonds or other obligations issued or incurred to finance road
- 15 projects and payable from ad valorem taxes may not exceed
- 16 one-fourth of the assessed value of the real property in the
- 17 district.
- 18 Sec. 7898.0302. TAXES FOR BONDS. At the time the district
- 19 issues bonds payable wholly or partly from ad valorem taxes, the
- 20 board shall provide for the annual imposition of a continuing
- 21 direct ad valorem tax, without limit as to rate or amount, while all
- 22 or part of the bonds are outstanding as required and in the manner
- 23 provided by Sections 54.601 and 54.602, Water Code.
- 24 SECTION 2. The Williamson County Municipal Utility District
- 25 No. 28 retains all the rights, powers, privileges, authority,
- 26 duties, and functions that it had before the effective date of this
- 27 Act.

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- 1 SECTION 3. (a) The legislature validates and confirms all
- 2 governmental acts and proceedings of the Williamson County
- 3 Municipal Utility District No. 28 that were taken before the
- 4 effective date of this Act.
- 5 (b) This section does not apply to any matter that on the
- 6 effective date of this Act:
- 7 (1) is involved in litigation if the litigation
- 8 ultimately results in the matter being held invalid by a final court
- 9 judgment; or
- 10 (2) has been held invalid by a final court judgment.
- 11 SECTION 4. (a) The legal notice of the intention to
- 12 introduce this Act, setting forth the general substance of this
- 13 Act, has been published as provided by law, and the notice and a
- 14 copy of this Act have been furnished to all persons, agencies,
- 15 officials, or entities to which they are required to be furnished
- 16 under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, and Chapter 313,
- 17 Government Code.
- 18 (b) The governor, one of the required recipients, has
- 19 submitted the notice and Act to the Texas Commission on
- 20 Environmental Quality.
- 21 (c) The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has filed
- 22 its recommendations relating to this Act with the governor, the
- 23 lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of
- 24 representatives within the required time.
- 25 (d) All requirements of the constitution and laws of this
- 26 state and the rules and procedures of the legislature with respect
- 27 to the notice, introduction, and passage of this Act are fulfilled

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- 1 and accomplished.
- 2 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
- 3 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
- 4 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
- 5 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
- 6 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 4698 was passed by the House on May 3, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 122, Nays 18, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 4698 was passed by the Senate on May 22, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED:

Date

Governor

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