

Chapter 1255

H.B. No. 4653

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the creation of Tarkington Management District No. 1 of  
3 Liberty County; providing authority to issue bonds; providing  
4 authority to impose assessments, fees, or taxes.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subtitle C, Title 4, Special District Local Laws  
7 Code, is amended by adding Chapter 3973 to read as follows:

8 CHAPTER 3973. TARKINGTON MANAGEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 OF LIBERTY

9 COUNTY

10 SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

11 Sec. 3973.0101. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

12 (1) "Board" means the district's board of directors.

13 (2) "County" means Liberty County.

14 (3) "Director" means a board member.

15 (4) "District" means the Tarkington Management  
16 District No. 1 of Liberty County.

17 Sec. 3973.0102. NATURE OF DISTRICT. The district is a  
18 special district created under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas  
19 Constitution.

20 Sec. 3973.0103. PURPOSE; DECLARATION OF INTENT. (a) The  
21 creation of the district is essential to accomplish the purposes of  
22 Sections 52 and 52-a, Article III, and Section 59, Article XVI,  
23 Texas Constitution, and other public purposes stated in this  
24 chapter. By creating the district and in authorizing the county and

1 other political subdivisions to contract with the district, the  
2 legislature has established a program to accomplish the public  
3 purposes set out in Section 52-a, Article III, Texas Constitution.

4 (b) The creation of the district is necessary to promote,  
5 develop, encourage, and maintain employment, commerce,  
6 transportation, housing, tourism, recreation, the arts,  
7 entertainment, economic development, safety, and the public  
8 welfare in the district.

9 (c) This chapter and the creation of the district may not be  
10 interpreted to relieve the county from providing the level of  
11 services provided as of the effective date of the Act enacting this  
12 chapter to the area in the district. The district is created to  
13 supplement and not to supplant county services provided in the  
14 district.

15 Sec. 3973.0104. FINDINGS OF BENEFIT AND PUBLIC PURPOSE.

16 (a) The district is created to serve a public use and benefit.

17 (b) All land and other property included in the district  
18 will benefit from the improvements and services to be provided by  
19 the district under powers conferred by Sections 52 and 52-a,  
20 Article III, and Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, and  
21 other powers granted under this chapter.

22 (c) The creation of the district is in the public interest  
23 and is essential to further the public purposes of:

24 (1) developing and diversifying the economy of the  
25 state;

26 (2) eliminating unemployment and underemployment; and

27 (3) developing or expanding transportation and

1 commerce.

2 (d) The district will:

3 (1) promote the health, safety, and general welfare of  
4 residents, employers, potential employees, employees, visitors,  
5 and consumers in the district, and of the public;

6 (2) provide needed funding for the district to  
7 preserve, maintain, and enhance the economic health and vitality of  
8 the district territory as a community and business center;

9 (3) promote the health, safety, welfare, and enjoyment  
10 of the public by providing pedestrian ways and by landscaping and  
11 developing certain areas in the district, which are necessary for  
12 the restoration, preservation, and enhancement of scenic beauty;  
13 and

14 (4) provide for water, wastewater, drainage, road,  
15 transportation, and recreational facilities for the district.

16 (e) Pedestrian ways along or across a street, whether at  
17 grade or above or below the surface, and street lighting, street  
18 landscaping, parking, and street art objects are parts of and  
19 necessary components of a street and are considered to be a street  
20 or road improvement.

21 (f) The district will not act as the agent or  
22 instrumentality of any private interest even though the district  
23 will benefit many private interests as well as the public.

24 Sec. 3973.0105. INITIAL DISTRICT TERRITORY. (a) The  
25 district is initially composed of the territory described by  
26 Section 2 of the Act enacting this chapter.

27 (b) The boundaries and field notes contained in Section 2 of

1 the Act enacting this chapter form a closure. A mistake in the  
2 field notes or in copying the field notes in the legislative process  
3 does not affect the district's:

- 4 (1) organization, existence, or validity;
- 5 (2) right to issue any type of bonds for the purposes  
6 for which the district is created or to pay the principal of and  
7 interest on the bonds;
- 8 (3) right to impose or collect an assessment or tax; or
- 9 (4) legality or operation.

10 Sec. 3973.0106. ELIGIBILITY FOR INCLUSION IN SPECIAL ZONES.

11 All or any part of the area of the district is eligible to be  
12 included in:

- 13 (1) a tax increment reinvestment zone created under  
14 Chapter 311, Tax Code;
- 15 (2) a tax abatement reinvestment zone created under  
16 Chapter 312, Tax Code;
- 17 (3) an enterprise zone created under Chapter 2303,  
18 Government Code; or
- 19 (4) an industrial district created under Chapter 42,  
20 Local Government Code.

21 Sec. 3973.0107. APPLICABILITY OF MUNICIPAL MANAGEMENT

22 DISTRICTS LAW. Except as otherwise provided by this chapter,  
23 Chapter 375, Local Government Code, applies to the district.

24 Sec. 3973.0108. CONSTRUCTION OF CHAPTER. This chapter

25 shall be liberally construed in conformity with the findings and  
26 purposes stated in this chapter.

27 Sec. 3973.0109. CONFLICTS OF LAW. This chapter prevails

1 over any provision of general law, including a provision of Chapter  
2 375, Local Government Code, or Chapter 49, Water Code, that is in  
3 conflict or inconsistent with this chapter.

4 SUBCHAPTER B. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

5 Sec. 3973.0201. GOVERNING BODY; TERMS. (a) The district is  
6 governed by a board of five directors elected or appointed as  
7 provided by this chapter and Subchapter D, Chapter 49, Water Code.

8 (b) Except as provided by Section 3973.0204, directors  
9 serve staggered four-year terms.

10 Sec. 3973.0202. QUORUM. For purposes of determining the  
11 requirements for a quorum of the board, the following are not  
12 counted:

13 (1) a board position vacant for any reason, including  
14 death, resignation, or disqualification; or

15 (2) a director who is abstaining from participation in  
16 a vote because of a conflict of interest.

17 Sec. 3973.0203. COMPENSATION. A director is entitled to  
18 receive fees of office and reimbursement for actual expenses as  
19 provided by Section 49.060, Water Code. Sections 375.069 and  
20 375.070, Local Government Code, do not apply to the board.

21 Sec. 3973.0204. TEMPORARY DIRECTORS. (a) The temporary  
22 board consists of:

- 23 (1) Gready Hunter;  
24 (2) Kevin Loeffler;  
25 (3) Rusty Campbell;  
26 (4) Greg Eknoyan; and  
27 (5) Gordan Richardson.

1       (b) The temporary or successor temporary directors shall  
2 hold an election to elect five permanent directors as provided by  
3 Section 49.102, Water Code.

4       (c) Temporary directors serve until the earlier of:

5           (1) the date permanent directors are elected under  
6 Subsection (b); or

7           (2) the fourth anniversary of the effective date of  
8 the Act creating this chapter.

9       (d) If permanent directors have not been elected under  
10 Subsection (b) and the terms of the temporary directors have  
11 expired, successor temporary directors shall be appointed or  
12 reappointed as provided by Subsection (e) to serve terms that  
13 expire on the earlier of:

14           (1) the date permanent directors are elected under  
15 Subsection (b); or

16           (2) the fourth anniversary of the date of the  
17 appointment or reappointment.

18       (e) If Subsection (d) applies, the owner or owners of a  
19 majority of the assessed value of the real property in the district  
20 according to the most recent certified tax appraisal roll for the  
21 county may submit a petition to the Texas Commission on  
22 Environmental Quality requesting that the commission appoint as  
23 successor temporary directors the five persons named in the  
24 petition. The commission shall appoint as successor temporary  
25 directors the five persons named in the petition.

26                   SUBCHAPTER C. POWERS AND DUTIES

27       Sec. 3973.0301. GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES. The district

1 has the powers and duties necessary to accomplish the purposes for  
2 which the district is created.

3 Sec. 3973.0302. IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AND SERVICES. (a)

4 The district may provide, design, construct, acquire, improve,  
5 relocate, operate, maintain, or finance an improvement project or  
6 service using money available to the district, or contract with a  
7 governmental or private entity to provide, design, construct,  
8 acquire, improve, relocate, operate, maintain, or finance an  
9 improvement project or service authorized under this chapter or  
10 under Chapter 375, Local Government Code.

11 (b) An improvement project described by Subsection (a) may  
12 be located inside or outside the district.

13 Sec. 3973.0303. AUTHORITY FOR ROAD PROJECTS. Under Section

14 52, Article III, Texas Constitution, the district may own, operate,  
15 maintain, design, acquire, construct, finance, issue bonds, notes,  
16 or other obligations for, improve, and convey to this state, a  
17 county, or a municipality for ownership, operation, and maintenance  
18 macadamized, graveled, or paved roads or improvements, including  
19 storm drainage, in aid of those roads.

20 Sec. 3973.0304. CONVEYANCE AND APPROVAL OF ROAD PROJECT.

21 (a) The district may convey a road project authorized by Section  
22 3973.0303 to:

23 (1) a municipality or county that will operate and  
24 maintain the road if the municipality or county has approved the  
25 plans and specifications of the road project; or

26 (2) the state if the state will operate and maintain  
27 the road and the Texas Transportation Commission has approved the

1 plans and specifications of the road project.

2 (b) Except as provided by Subsection (c), the district shall  
3 operate and maintain a road project authorized by Section 3973.0303  
4 that the district implements and does not convey to a municipality,  
5 a county, or this state under Subsection (a).

6 (c) The district may agree in writing with a municipality, a  
7 county, or this state to assign operation and maintenance duties to  
8 the district, the municipality, the county, or this state in a  
9 manner other than the manner described in Subsections (a) and (b).

10 Sec. 3973.0305. NONPROFIT CORPORATION. (a) The board by  
11 resolution may authorize the creation of a nonprofit corporation to  
12 assist and act for the district in implementing a project or  
13 providing a service authorized by this chapter.

14 (b) The nonprofit corporation:

15 (1) has each power of and is considered to be a local  
16 government corporation created under Subchapter D, Chapter 431,  
17 Transportation Code; and

18 (2) may implement any project and provide any service  
19 authorized by this chapter.

20 (c) The board shall appoint the board of directors of the  
21 nonprofit corporation. The board of directors of the nonprofit  
22 corporation shall serve in the same manner as the board of directors  
23 of a local government corporation created under Subchapter D,  
24 Chapter 431, Transportation Code, except that a board member is not  
25 required to reside in the district.

26 Sec. 3973.0306. AGREEMENTS; GRANTS. (a) As provided by  
27 Chapter 375, Local Government Code, the district may make an



1 agreement with or accept a gift, grant, or loan from any person.

2 (b) The implementation of a project is a governmental  
3 function or service for the purposes of Chapter 791, Government  
4 Code.

5 Sec. 3973.0307. LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES. To protect the  
6 public interest, the district may contract with a qualified party,  
7 including the county, to provide law enforcement services in the  
8 district.

9 Sec. 3973.0308. MEMBERSHIP IN CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS.  
10 The district may join and pay dues to a charitable or nonprofit  
11 organization that performs a service or provides an activity  
12 consistent with the furtherance of a district purpose.

13 Sec. 3973.0309. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. (a) The district  
14 may engage in activities that accomplish the economic development  
15 purposes of the district.

16 (b) The district may establish and provide for the  
17 administration of one or more programs to promote state or local  
18 economic development and to stimulate business and commercial  
19 activity in the district, including programs to:

20 (1) make loans and grants of public money; and

21 (2) provide district personnel and services.

22 (c) The district may create economic development programs  
23 and exercise the economic development powers provided to  
24 municipalities by:

25 (1) Chapter 380, Local Government Code; and

26 (2) Subchapter A, Chapter 1509, Government Code.

27 Sec. 3973.0310. PARKING FACILITIES. (a) The district may

1 acquire, lease as lessor or lessee, construct, develop, own,  
2 operate, and maintain parking facilities or a system of parking  
3 facilities, including lots, garages, parking terminals, or other  
4 structures or accommodations for parking motor vehicles off the  
5 streets and related appurtenances.

6 (b) The district's parking facilities serve the public  
7 purposes of the district and are owned, used, and held for a public  
8 purpose even if leased or operated by a private entity for a term of  
9 years.

10 (c) The district's parking facilities are parts of and  
11 necessary components of a street and are considered to be a street  
12 or road improvement.

13 (d) The development and operation of the district's parking  
14 facilities may be considered an economic development program.

15 Sec. 3973.0311. NO TOLL ROADS. The district may not  
16 construct, acquire, maintain, or operate a toll road.

17 Sec. 3973.0312. RAIL FACILITIES. The district may  
18 construct, acquire, improve, maintain, and operate rail facilities  
19 and improvements in aid of those facilities.

20 Sec. 3973.0313. ANNEXATION OR EXCLUSION OF LAND. (a) The  
21 district may annex land as provided by Subchapter J, Chapter 49,  
22 Water Code.

23 (b) The district may exclude land as provided by Subchapter  
24 J, Chapter 49, Water Code. Section 375.044(b), Local Government  
25 Code, does not apply to the district.

26 Sec. 3973.0314. DIVISION OF DISTRICT. (a) The district may  
27 be divided into two or more new districts only if the district:

1           (1) has no outstanding bonded debt; and

2           (2) is not imposing ad valorem taxes.

3           (b) This chapter applies to any new district created by the  
4 division of the district, and a new district has all the powers and  
5 duties of the district.

6           (c) Any new district created by the division of the district  
7 may, at the time the new district is created, contain only:

8           (1) land within the area described by Section 2 of the  
9 Act enacting this chapter; or

10           (2) any land adjacent to the area described by Section  
11 2 of the Act enacting this chapter if that adjacent land is:

12           (A) not within the extraterritorial jurisdiction  
13 of a city; or

14           (B) within the extraterritorial jurisdiction of  
15 a city and that adjacent land has been approved for inclusion in the  
16 district under an ordinance or resolution adopted by the city  
17 consenting to the inclusion.

18           (d) The board, on its own motion or on receipt of a petition  
19 signed by the owner or owners of a majority of the assessed value of  
20 the real property in the district, may adopt an order dividing the  
21 district.

22           (e) The board may adopt an order dividing the district  
23 before or after the date the board holds an election under Section  
24 3973.0204 to elect the district's permanent directors.

25           (f) An order dividing the district must:

26           (1) name each new district;

27           (2) include the metes and bounds description of the

1 territory of each new district;

2 (3) appoint temporary directors for each new district;

3 and

4 (4) provide for the division of assets and liabilities  
5 between or among the new districts.

6 (g) On or before the 30th day after the date of adoption of  
7 an order dividing the district, the district shall file the order  
8 with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and record the  
9 order in the real property records of each county in which the  
10 district is located.

11 (h) Any new district created by the division of the district  
12 shall hold a permanent directors' election as required by Section  
13 3973.0204.

14 (i) Municipal consent by a city is not required for the  
15 creation of any new district created under this section.

16 (j) Any new district created by the division of the district  
17 must hold an election as required by this chapter to obtain voter  
18 approval before the district may impose a maintenance tax or issue  
19 bonds payable wholly or partly from ad valorem taxes or sales and  
20 use taxes.

21 (k) If the voters of a new district do not confirm the  
22 creation of the new district, the assets, obligations, territory,  
23 and governance of the new district revert to that of the original  
24 district.

25 Sec. 3973.0315. NO EMINENT DOMAIN POWER. The district may  
26 not exercise the power of eminent domain.

1        SUBCHAPTER D. GENERAL FINANCIAL PROVISIONS; ASSESSMENTS

2        Sec. 3973.0401. DISBURSEMENTS AND TRANSFERS OF MONEY. The  
3 board by resolution shall establish the number of directors'  
4 signatures and the procedure required for a disbursement or  
5 transfer of district money.

6        Sec. 3973.0402. MONEY USED FOR IMPROVEMENTS OR SERVICES.  
7 The district may acquire, construct, finance, operate, or maintain  
8 any improvement or service authorized under this chapter or Chapter  
9 375, Local Government Code, using any money available to the  
10 district.

11        Sec. 3973.0403. PETITION REQUIRED FOR FINANCING SERVICES  
12 AND IMPROVEMENTS WITH ASSESSMENTS. (a) The board may not finance a  
13 service or improvement project with assessments under this chapter  
14 unless a written petition requesting that service or improvement  
15 has been filed with the board.

16        (b) A petition filed under Subsection (a) must be signed by  
17 the owners of a majority of the assessed value of real property in  
18 the district subject to assessment according to the most recent  
19 certified tax appraisal roll for the county.

20        Sec. 3973.0404. ASSESSMENTS; LIENS FOR ASSESSMENTS. (a)  
21 The board by resolution may impose and collect an assessment for any  
22 purpose authorized by this chapter in all or any part of the  
23 district.

24        (b) An assessment, a reassessment, or an assessment  
25 resulting from an addition to or correction of the assessment roll  
26 by the district, penalties and interest on an assessment or  
27 reassessment, an expense of collection, and reasonable attorney's

1 fees incurred by the district:

2 (1) are a first and prior lien against the property  
3 assessed;

4 (2) are superior to any other lien or claim other than  
5 a lien or claim for county, school district, or municipal ad valorem  
6 taxes; and

7 (3) are the personal liability of and a charge against  
8 the owners of the property even if the owners are not named in the  
9 assessment proceedings.

10 (c) The lien is effective from the date of the board's  
11 resolution imposing the assessment until the date the assessment is  
12 paid. The board may enforce the lien in the same manner that the  
13 board may enforce an ad valorem tax lien against real property.

14 (d) The board may make a correction to or deletion from the  
15 assessment roll that does not increase the amount of assessment of  
16 any parcel of land without providing notice and holding a hearing in  
17 the manner required for additional assessments.

18 Sec. 3973.0405. RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY NOT EXEMPT. Section  
19 375.161, Local Government Code, does not apply to a tax authorized  
20 or approved by the voters of the district or a required payment for  
21 a service provided by the district, including water and sewer  
22 services.

23 Sec. 3973.0406. TAX AND ASSESSMENT ABATEMENTS. The  
24 district may designate reinvestment zones and may grant abatements  
25 of district taxes or assessments on property in the zones.

26 SUBCHAPTER E. TAXES AND BONDS

27 Sec. 3973.0501. ELECTIONS REGARDING TAXES AND BONDS. (a)

1 The district may issue, without an election, bonds, notes, and  
2 other obligations secured by:

3 (1) revenue other than ad valorem taxes or sales and  
4 use taxes; or

5 (2) contract payments described by Section 3973.0503.

6 (b) The district must hold an election in the manner  
7 provided by Subchapter L, Chapter 375, Local Government Code, to  
8 obtain voter approval before the district may impose an ad valorem  
9 tax or issue bonds payable from ad valorem taxes.

10 (c) Section 375.243, Local Government Code, does not apply  
11 to the district.

12 (d) All or any part of any facilities or improvements that  
13 may be acquired by a district by the issuance of its bonds may be  
14 submitted as a single proposition or as several propositions to be  
15 voted on at the election.

16 Sec. 3973.0502. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE TAX. (a) If  
17 authorized by a majority of the district voters voting at an  
18 election held in accordance with Section 3973.0501, the district  
19 may impose an operation and maintenance tax on taxable property in  
20 the district in accordance with Section 49.107, Water Code, for any  
21 district purpose, including to:

22 (1) maintain and operate the district;

23 (2) construct or acquire improvements; or

24 (3) provide a service.

25 (b) The board shall determine the tax rate. The rate may not  
26 exceed the rate approved at the election.

27 (c) Section 49.107(h), Water Code, does not apply to the

1 district.

2 Sec. 3973.0503. CONTRACT TAXES. (a) In accordance with  
3 Section 49.108, Water Code, the district may impose a tax other than  
4 an operation and maintenance tax and use the revenue derived from  
5 the tax to make payments under a contract after the provisions of  
6 the contract have been approved by a majority of the district voters  
7 voting at an election held for that purpose.

8 (b) A contract approved by the district voters may contain a  
9 provision stating that the contract may be modified or amended by  
10 the board without further voter approval.

11 Sec. 3973.0504. AUTHORITY TO BORROW MONEY AND TO ISSUE  
12 BONDS AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS. (a) The district may borrow money on  
13 terms determined by the board. Section 375.205, Local Government  
14 Code, does not apply to a loan, line of credit, or other borrowing  
15 from a bank or financial institution secured by revenue other than  
16 ad valorem taxes.

17 (b) The district may issue bonds, notes, or other  
18 obligations payable wholly or partly from ad valorem taxes,  
19 assessments, impact fees, revenue, contract payments, grants, or  
20 other district money, or any combination of those sources of money,  
21 to pay for any authorized district purpose.

22 Sec. 3973.0505. TAXES FOR BONDS. At the time the district  
23 issues bonds payable wholly or partly from ad valorem taxes, the  
24 board shall provide for the annual imposition of a continuing  
25 direct annual ad valorem tax, without limit as to rate or amount,  
26 for each year that all or part of the bonds are outstanding as  
27 required and in the manner provided by Sections 54.601 and 54.602,



1 Water Code.

2 Sec. 3973.0506. BONDS FOR ROAD PROJECTS. At the time of  
3 issuance, the total principal amount of bonds or other obligations  
4 issued or incurred to finance road projects and payable from ad  
5 valorem taxes may not exceed one-fourth of the assessed value of the  
6 real property in the district.

7 SUBCHAPTER F. SALES AND USE TAX

8 Sec. 3973.0601. APPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN TAX CODE  
9 PROVISIONS. (a) Chapter 321, Tax Code, governs the imposition,  
10 computation, administration, enforcement, and collection of the  
11 sales and use tax authorized by this subchapter except to the extent  
12 Chapter 321, Tax Code, is inconsistent with this chapter.

13 (b) A reference in Chapter 321, Tax Code, to a municipality  
14 or the governing body of a municipality is a reference to the  
15 district or the board, respectively.

16 Sec. 3973.0602. ELECTION; ADOPTION OF TAX. (a) The  
17 district may adopt a sales and use tax if authorized by a majority  
18 of the voters of the district voting at an election held for that  
19 purpose.

20 (b) The board by order may call an election to authorize the  
21 adoption of the sales and use tax. The election may be held on any  
22 uniform election date and in conjunction with any other district  
23 election.

24 (c) The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or  
25 against the proposition: "Authorization of a sales and use tax in  
26 the Tarkington Management District No. 1 of Liberty County at a  
27 rate not to exceed \_\_\_\_ percent" (insert rate of one or more

1 increments of one-eighth of one percent).

2 Sec. 3973.0603. SALES AND USE TAX RATE. (a) On or after the  
3 date the results are declared of an election held under Section  
4 3973.0602, at which the voters approved imposition of the tax  
5 authorized by this subchapter, the board shall determine and adopt  
6 by resolution or order the initial rate of the tax, which must be in  
7 one or more increments of one-eighth of one percent.

8 (b) After the election held under Section 3973.0602, the  
9 board may increase or decrease the rate of the tax by one or more  
10 increments of one-eighth of one percent.

11 (c) The initial rate of the tax or any rate resulting from  
12 subsequent increases or decreases may not exceed the lesser of:

13 (1) the maximum rate authorized by the district voters  
14 at the election held under Section 3973.0602; or

15 (2) a rate that, when added to the rates of all sales  
16 and use taxes imposed by other political subdivisions with  
17 territory in the district, would result in the maximum combined  
18 rate prescribed by Section 321.101(f), Tax Code, at any location in  
19 the district.

20 Sec. 3973.0604. TAX AFTER MUNICIPAL ANNEXATION. (a) This  
21 section applies to the district after a municipality annexes part  
22 of the territory in the district and imposes the municipality's  
23 sales and use tax in the annexed territory.

24 (b) If at the time of annexation the district has  
25 outstanding debt or other obligations payable wholly or partly from  
26 district sales and use tax revenue, Section 321.102(g), Tax Code,  
27 applies to the district.

1        (c) If at the time of annexation the district does not have  
2 outstanding debt or other obligations payable wholly or partly from  
3 district sales and use tax revenue, the district may exclude the  
4 annexed territory from the district, if the district has no  
5 outstanding debt or other obligations payable from any source.

6        Sec. 3973.0605. NOTIFICATION OF RATE CHANGE. The board  
7 shall notify the comptroller of any changes made to the tax rate  
8 under this subchapter in the same manner the municipal secretary  
9 provides notice to the comptroller under Section 321.405(b), Tax  
10 Code.

11        Sec. 3973.0606. USE OF REVENUE. Revenue from the sales and  
12 use tax imposed under this subchapter is for the use and benefit of  
13 the district and may be used for any district purpose. The district  
14 may pledge all or part of the revenue to the payment of bonds,  
15 notes, or other obligations, and that pledge of revenue may be in  
16 combination with other revenue, including tax revenue, available to  
17 the district.

18        Sec. 3973.0607. ABOLITION OF TAX. (a) Except as provided  
19 by Subsection (b), the board may abolish the tax imposed under this  
20 subchapter without an election.

21        (b) The board may not abolish the tax imposed under this  
22 subchapter if the district has outstanding debt secured by the tax,  
23 and repayment of the debt would be impaired by the abolition of the  
24 tax.

25        (c) If the board abolishes the tax, the board shall notify  
26 the comptroller of that action in the same manner the municipal  
27 secretary provides notice to the comptroller under Section

1 321.405(b), Tax Code.

2 (d) If the board abolishes the tax or decreases the tax rate  
3 to zero, a new election to authorize a sales and use tax must be held  
4 under Section 3973.0602 before the district may subsequently impose  
5 the tax.

6 SUBCHAPTER G. DEFINED AREAS

7 Sec. 3973.0701. AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH DEFINED AREAS OR  
8 DESIGNATED PROPERTY. The district may define areas or designate  
9 certain property of the district to pay for improvements,  
10 facilities, or services that primarily benefit that area or  
11 property and do not generally and directly benefit the district as a  
12 whole.

13 Sec. 3973.0702. PROCEDURE FOR ELECTION. (a) Before the  
14 district may impose an ad valorem tax or issue bonds payable from ad  
15 valorem taxes of the defined area or designated property, the board  
16 shall hold an election in the defined area or in the designated  
17 property only.

18 (b) The board may submit the issues to the voters on the same  
19 ballot to be used in another election.

20 Sec. 3973.0703. DECLARING RESULT AND ISSUING ORDER. (a) If  
21 a majority of the voters voting at the election approve the  
22 proposition or propositions, the board shall declare the results  
23 and, by order, shall establish the defined area and describe it by  
24 metes and bounds or designate the specific property.

25 (b) A court may not review the board's order except on the  
26 ground of fraud, palpable error, or arbitrary and confiscatory  
27 abuse of discretion.

1       Sec. 3973.0704. TAXES FOR SERVICES, IMPROVEMENTS, AND  
2 FACILITIES IN DEFINED AREAS OR DESIGNATED PROPERTY. On voter  
3 approval and adoption of the order described by Section 3973.0703,  
4 the district may apply separately, differently, equitably, and  
5 specifically its taxing power and lien authority to the defined  
6 area or designated property to provide money to construct,  
7 administer, maintain, and operate services, improvements, and  
8 facilities that primarily benefit the defined area or designated  
9 property.

10       Sec. 3973.0705. ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR DEFINED AREA OR  
11 DESIGNATED PROPERTY. After the order under Section 3973.0703 is  
12 adopted, the district may issue bonds to provide for any land,  
13 improvements, facilities, plants, equipment, and appliances for  
14 the defined area or designated property.

15       Sec. 3973.0706. ADDITION OR EXCLUSION OF LAND IN DEFINED  
16 AREA. The district may add or exclude land from the defined areas  
17 in the same manner the district may add or exclude land from the  
18 district.

19       SECTION 2. The Tarkington Management District No. 1 of  
20 Liberty County initially includes all territory contained in the  
21 following area:

22 807.65 acres of land, situated in the Hugh Means Survey, Abstract  
23 78, Liberty County, Texas, and being a part of that certain 1846.69  
24 acre tract described in a Deed from Southland Timberlands V, L.P. to  
25 Tarkington Realty, Ltd., recorded in Liberty County Clerk's File  
26 2006008680, said 807.65 acres being more particularly described as  
27 follows:

1 BEGINNING at a 3 inch by 3 inch concrete monument stamped "Kirby NWc  
2 Hugh Means" found for the Northwest corner of the herein described  
3 tract at the Northwest corner of the Hugh Means Survey, Abstract 78,  
4 and the Northwest corner of said 1846.69 acre tract;  
5 THENCE North 88 deg. 01 min. 32 sec. East, along the North line of  
6 the Means Survey, being the North line of said 1846.69 acre tract, a  
7 distance of 33.30 feet to a 6 inch by 6 inch concrete monument found  
8 at the Southwest corner of the I. L. Hanson Survey, Abstract 282;  
9 THENCE North 87 deg. 28 min. 03 sec. East, along the common line of  
10 the Means Survey and the Hanson Survey, being the North line of said  
11 1846.69 acre tract and the South line of the Alvin David Stetson  
12 tract recorded in Clerk's File 2015023380, a distance of 3442.50  
13 feet to a concrete monument stamped "Kirby 3-166" found at the  
14 Southeast corner of the Hanson Survey and the Southwest corner of  
15 the John R. Faulk Survey, Abstract 34;  
16 THENCE North 86 deg. 55 min. 34 sec. East, along the common lines of  
17 the Means Survey and the Faulk Survey, being the North line of said  
18 1846.69 acre tract and the South line of the Jorge Lopez tract  
19 described in Clerk's File 2007014457, a distance of 1787.22 feet to  
20 a 3/4 inch iron rod found for the Northeast corner of the herein  
21 described tract at the Northeast corner of said 1846.69 acre tract,  
22 said point being in the West right of way line of State Highway 321  
23 (100.0 feet wide at this point);  
24 THENCE South 22 deg. 01 min. 29 sec. East, along the West  
25 right-of-way line of State Highway 321 and the East line of said  
26 1846.69 acre tract, a distance of 2084.38 feet to a concrete  
27 monument found at the P.C. of a curve to the left;

1 THENCE along the West right-of-way line of State Highway 321  
2 (right-of-way varies) and the East line of said 1846.69 acre tract,  
3 following said curve to the left having a Radius of 5779.59 feet,  
4 Central Angle of a 01 deg. 35 min. 23 sec., Chord Bearing and  
5 Distance of South 22 deg. 51 min. 20 sec. East - 160.35 feet, for an  
6 arc distance of 160.36 feet to a concrete monument found at the P.T.  
7 of said curve;

8 THENCE South 18 deg. 29 min. East, along the West right-of-way line  
9 of State Highway 321 and the East line of said 1846.69 acre tract, a  
10 distance of 101.28 feet to a concrete monument found at the P.C. of  
11 a curve left;

12 THENCE along the West right-of-way line of State Highway 21  
13 (right-of-way varies) and the East line of said 1846.69 acre tract,  
14 following said curve to the left having a Radius of 5789.59 feet,  
15 Central Angle of 10 deg. 49 min. 44 sec., Chord Bearing and a  
16 Distance of South 30 deg. 03 min. 47 sec. East - 1092.60 feet, for an  
17 arc distance of 1094.23 feet to a concrete monument found at the  
18 P.T. of said curve;

19 THENCE South 35 deg. 28 min. 53 sec. East, along the West  
20 right-of-way line of State Highway 321 (right-of-way 110.0 feet  
21 wide at this point) and the East line of said 1846.69 acre tract, a  
22 distance of 2708.35 feet to a 1/2 inch iron rod found for the  
23 Southeast corner of the herein described tract at the upper  
24 Southeast corner of said 1846.69 acre tract, the Northeast corner  
25 of a 6.87 acre Save and Except Tract described in the a deed to  
26 Southland Timberlands V, L.P. recorded in Clerk's File 2003009246;

27 THENCE South 87 deg. 23 min. 32 sec. West, along the North line of

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1 said 6.87 acre Save and Except Tract, a distance of 3334.49 feet to  
2 a fence post found at the Northwest corner of said 6.87 acre tract  
3 and the upper Northeast corner of a 638.36 acre tract described in a  
4 deed to Roli Holdings, L.P. recorded in Clerk's File 2013010569;  
5 THENCE South 87 deg. 23 min. 05 sec. West, along the North line of  
6 said 638.36 acre tract, at 4683.36 feet pass a 5/8 inch iron rod  
7 capped "RPLS 5815" found, and continue for a total distance of  
8 4684.17 feet to a point marking the Southwest corner of the herein  
9 described tract at the Northwest corner of said 638.36 acre tract,  
10 said point being in the West line of the Means Survey, the East line  
11 of the H. & T.C. R.R. Company Survey No. 150, Abstract 833, the West  
12 line of said 1846.69 acre tract, and the East line of the Joseph H.  
13 Ceaser, Jr. tract describe in Clerk's File 2007008678;  
14 THENCE North 03 deg. 40 min. 53 sec. West, along the common line of  
15 the Means Survey and the H. & T.C. R.R. Company Survey No. 150, being  
16 the West line of said 1846.69 acre tract and the East line of the  
17 Ceaser tract, a distance of 1305.65 feet to a 3 inch by 3 inch  
18 concrete monument stamped "Kirby SEc H&TC WL H Means" found at the  
19 Northeast corner of the H. & T.C. R.R. Company Survey No. 150, the  
20 Southeast corner of the H. & T.C. R.R. Company Survey No. 149,  
21 Abstract 232, the Northeast corner of the Ceaser tract, and the  
22 Southeast corner of the William B. Krizak tract described in  
23 Clerk's File 2009017836;  
24 THENCE North 02 deg. 11 min. 16 sec. West, along the common line of  
25 the Means Survey and the H. & T.C. R.R. Company Survey No. 149, being  
26 the West line of said 1846.69 acre tract and the East line of the  
27 Krizak tract, the Heriberto Cisneros tract described in Clerk's



1 File 2009009858, The Heriberto Cisneros tract described in Clerk's  
2 File 2017006032, and the Johnnie Hooper tract described in Clerk's  
3 File 2016002265, at 2138.84 feet pass a 1/2 inch iron rod found at  
4 the Northeast corner of the Hooper tract and the Southeast corner of  
5 a tract described in Clerk's File 2018001388, and continue along  
6 the East line of said tract and tracts described in Clerk's File  
7 2014013993, Clerk's File 2013003296, Clerk's File 2013010371,  
8 Clerk's File 2012002326; Clerk's File 2016007673; Clerk's File  
9 2015007509; Clerk's File 2012012985; Clerk's File 2009007977, and  
10 Clerk's File 2010011389 for a total distance of 4143.56 feet to the  
11 PLACE OF BEGINNING and containing 807.65 acres of land.

12 SECTION 3. (a) The legal notice of the intention to  
13 introduce this Act, setting forth the general substance of this  
14 Act, has been published as provided by law, and the notice and a  
15 copy of this Act have been furnished to all persons, agencies,  
16 officials, or entities to which they are required to be furnished  
17 under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, and Chapter 313,  
18 Government Code.

19 (b) The governor, one of the required recipients, has  
20 submitted the notice and Act to the Texas Commission on  
21 Environmental Quality.

22 (c) The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has filed  
23 its recommendations relating to this Act with the governor,  
24 lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house of representatives  
25 within the required time.

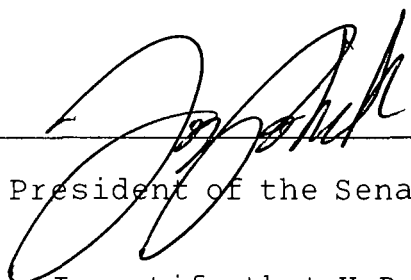
26 (d) The general law relating to consent by political  
27 subdivisions to the creation of districts with conservation,

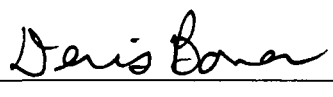
1 reclamation, and road powers and the inclusion of land in those  
2 districts has been complied with.

3 (e) All requirements of the constitution and laws of this  
4 state and the rules and procedures of the legislature with respect  
5 to the notice, introduction, and passage of this Act have been  
6 fulfilled and accomplished.

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

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President of the Senate

  
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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 4653 was passed by the House on May 3, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 131, Nays 9, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 4653 on May 24, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 97, Nays 43, 2 present, not voting.

  
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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 4653 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 22, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 28, Nays 3.

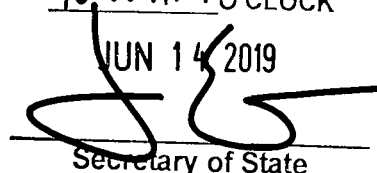
  
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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor

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