1	AN ACT
2	relating to the creation of the Timber Springs Municipal Management
3	District; providing authority to impose a tax, levy an assessment,
4	and issue bonds.
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 3897 to read as follows:
8	CHAPTER 3897. TIMBER SPRINGS MUNICIPAL MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
9	SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS
10	Sec. 3897.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:
11	(1) "Board" means the district's board of directors.
12	(2) "Director" means a board member.
13	(3) "District" means the Timber Springs Municipal
14	Management District.
15	(4) "Improvement project" means a project authorized
16	by Subchapter C-1.
17	Sec. 3897.002. CREATION AND NATURE OF DISTRICT. The
18	district is a special district created under Section 59, Article
19	XVI, Texas Constitution.
20	Sec. 3897.003. PURPOSE; LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS. (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 a

- 1 municipality in which the district is located and other political
- 2 subdivisions to contract with the district, the legislature has
- 3 established a program to accomplish the public purposes set out in
- 4 Section 52-a, Article III, Texas Constitution.
- 5 (b) The creation of the district is necessary to promote,
- 6 develop, encourage, and maintain employment, commerce,
- 7 transportation, housing, tourism, recreation, the arts,
- 8 entertainment, economic development, safety, and the public
- 9 welfare in the district.
- 10 (c) This chapter and the creation of the district may not be
- 11 interpreted to relieve a municipality or county in which the
- 12 district is located from providing the level of services provided
- 13 as of the effective date of the Act enacting this chapter to the
- 14 area in the district. The district is created to supplement and not
- 15 to supplant municipal and county services provided in the district.
- 16 Sec. 3897.004. FINDINGS OF BENEFIT AND PUBLIC PURPOSE.
- 17 (a) The district is created to serve a public use and benefit.
- (b) All land and other property included in the district
- 19 will benefit from the improvements and services to be provided by
- 20 the district under powers conferred by Sections 52 and 52-a,
- 21 Article III, and Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, and
- 22 other powers granted under this chapter.
- 23 (c) The creation of the district is in the public interest
- 24 and is essential to further the public purposes of:
- 25 <u>(1) developing and diversifying the economy of the</u>
- 26 state;
- 27 (2) eliminating unemployment and underemployment;

1	(3) providing quality residential housing; and								
2	(4) developing or expanding transportation and								
3	commerce.								
4	(d) The district will:								
5	(1) promote the health, safety, and general welfare of								
6	residents, employers, potential employees, employees, visitors,								
7	and consumers in the district, and of the public;								
8	(2) provide needed funding for the district to								
9	preserve, maintain, and enhance the economic health and vitality of								
10	the district territory as a residential community and business								
11	center; and								
12	(3) promote the health, safety, welfare, and enjoyment								
13	of the public by providing pedestrian ways and by landscaping and								
14	developing certain areas in the district, which are necessary for								
15	the restoration, preservation, and enhancement of scenic beauty.								
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, vehicle parking, and street art objects are parts of								
19	and necessary components of a street and are considered to be an								
20	improvement project that includes a street 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. 3897.005. DISTRICT TERRITORY. (a) The district is								
25	composed of the territory described by Section 2 of the Act enacting								
26	this chapter, as that territory may have been modified under								
27	Section 3897.115 or other law.								

- 1 (b) A mistake in the field notes of the district contained
- 2 in Section 2 of the Act enacting this chapter or in copying the
- 3 field notes in the legislative process does not in any way affect:
- 4 (1) the district's organization, existence, or
- 5 validity;
- 6 (2) the district's right to contract, including the
- 7 right to issue any type of bond or other obligation for a purpose
- 8 for which the district is created;
- 9 (3) the district's right to impose or collect an
- 10 assessment, tax, or any other revenue; or
- 11 (4) the legality or operation of the board.
- 12 Sec. 3897.006. ELIGIBILITY FOR INCLUSION IN SPECIAL ZONES.
- 13 (a) All or any part of the area of the district is eligible to be
- 14 included in:
- 15 (1) a tax increment reinvestment zone created by a
- 16 municipality in which the district is located under Chapter 311,
- 17 Tax Code;
- 18 (2) a tax abatement reinvestment zone created by a
- 19 municipality in which the district is located under Chapter 312,
- 20 Tax Code;
- 21 (3) an enterprise zone created by a municipality in
- 22 which the district is located under Chapter 2303, Government Code;
- 23 <u>or</u>
- 24 (4) an industrial zone created by a municipality in
- 25 which the district is located under Chapter 42, Local Government
- 26 Code.
- 27 (b) If a municipality in which the district is located

- 1 creates a tax increment\_reinvestment zone described by Subsection
- 2 (a), the municipality and the board of directors of the zone, by
- 3 contract with the district, may grant money deposited in the tax
- 4 increment fund to the district to be used by the district for the
- 5 purposes permitted for money granted to a corporation under Section
- 6 380.002(b), Local Government Code, including the right to pledge
- 7 the money as security for any bonds issued by the district for an
- 8 improvement project.
- 9 [Sections 3897.007-3897.050 reserved for expansion]
- 10 SUBCHAPTER B. BOARD OF DIRECTORS
- 11 Sec. 3897.051. GOVERNING BODY; TERMS. The district is
- 12 governed by a board of five directors who serve staggered terms of
- 13 four years, with two or three directors' terms expiring May 31 of
- 14 each even-numbered year.
- 15 Sec. 3897.052. ELECTION DATE. The board shall hold an
- 16 election for directors on the uniform election date in May in
- 17 even-numbered years.
- 18 Sec. 3897.053. ELIGIBILITY. (a) To be qualified to serve
- 19 as a director, a person must be:
- 20 (1) an owner of real property in the district; or
- 21 (2) an employee of a person described by Subdivision
- 22 <u>(1).</u>
- (b) Section 49.052, Water Code, does not apply to the
- 24 district.
- 25 Sec. 3897.054. VACANCY. (a) The remaining directors shall
- 26 fill a vacancy on the board by appointing a person who meets the
- 27 qualifications prescribed by Section 3897.053.

- 1 (b) If there are fewer than three directors, the governing
- 2 body of the largest municipality in which the district is located
- 3 shall appoint the necessary number of directors to fill all board
- 4 vacancies.
- 5 Sec. 3897.055. DIRECTOR'S OATH OR AFFIRMATION. A director
- 6 shall file the director's oath or affirmation of office with the
- 7 district, and the district shall retain the oath or affirmation in
- 8 the district records.
- 9 Sec. 3897.056. OFFICERS. The board shall elect from among
- 10 the directors a chair, a vice chair, and a secretary.
- 11 Sec. 3897.057. COMPENSATION OF DIRECTORS; REIMBURSEMENT OF
- 12 EXPENSES. (a) The district may compensate each director in an
- 13 amount not to exceed \$50 for each board meeting. The total amount
- 14 of compensation a director may receive each year may not exceed
- 15 **\$2,000**.
- (b) A director is entitled to reimbursement for necessary
- 17 and reasonable expenses incurred in carrying out the duties and
- 18 responsibilities of a director.
- 19 Sec. 3897.058. INITIAL DIRECTORS. (a) The initial board
- 20 consists of the following directors:

21	Pos. No.	Name of Director
22	<u>1</u>	Charles F. Jordan
23	<u>2</u>	Darren Woody
24	<u>3</u>	Rob Hutchison
25	<u>4</u>	<u>Joe Geer</u>
26	<u>5</u>	Nick Craig

27 (b) Of the initial directors, the terms of directors

- 1 appointed for positions 1 and 2 expire May 31, 2012, and the terms
- 2 of directors appointed for positions 3 through 5 expire May 31,
- 3 2014.
- 4 (c) This section expires September 1, 2014.
- 5 [Sections 3897.059-3897.100 reserved for expansion]
- 6 <u>SUBCHAPTER</u> C. POWERS AND DUTIES
- 7 Sec. 3897.101. 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. 3897.102. IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AND SERVICES. The
- 11 district may provide, design, construct, acquire, improve,
- 12 relocate, operate, maintain, or finance an improvement project or
- 13 service using money available to the district, or contract with a
- 14 governmental or private entity to provide, design, construct,
- 15 acquire, improve, relocate, operate, maintain, or finance an
- 16 improvement project or service authorized under this chapter,
- 17 including a project described by Subchapter C-1, or under Chapter
- 18 375, Local Government Code.
- 19 Sec. 3897.103. DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION POWERS. The
- 20 district, using money available to the district, may exercise the
- 21 powers given to a development corporation under Chapter 505, Local
- 22 Government Code, including the power to own, operate, acquire,
- 23 construct, lease, improve, or maintain a project under that
- 24 chapter.
- Sec. 3897.104. NONPROFIT CORPORATION. (a) The board by
- 26 resolution may authorize the creation of a nonprofit corporation to
- 27 assist and act for the district in implementing a project or

- 1 providing a service authorized by this chapter.
- 2 (b) The nonprofit corporation:
- 3 (1) has each power of and is considered to be a local
- 4 government corporation created under Subchapter D, Chapter 431,
- 5 Transportation Code; and
- 6 (2) may implement any project and provide any service
- 7 authorized by this chapter.
- 8 (c) The board shall appoint the board of directors of the
- 9 nonprofit corporation. The board of directors of the nonprofit
- 10 corporation shall serve in the same manner as the board of directors
- 11 of a local government corporation created under Subchapter D,
- 12 Chapter 431, Transportation Code, except that a board member is not
- 13 required to reside in the district.
- 14 Sec. 3897.105. AGREEMENTS; GRANTS. (a) As provided by
- 15 Chapter 375, Local Government Code, the district may make an
- 16 agreement with or accept a gift, grant, or loan from any person.
- 17 (b) The implementation of a project is a governmental
- 18 function or service for the purposes of Chapter 791, Government
- 19 Code.
- Sec. 3897.106. LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES. To protect the
- 21 public interest, the district may contract with a qualified party,
- 22 <u>including a county or a city, to provide law enforcement services in</u>
- 23 the district for a fee.
- 24 Sec. 3897.107. MEMBERSHIP IN CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS. The
- 25 <u>district may join and pay dues to a charitable or nonprofit</u>
- 26 organization that performs a service or provides an activity
- 27 consistent with the furtherance of a district purpose.

- 1 Sec. 3897.108. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. (a) The district may
- 2 engage in activities that accomplish the economic development
- 3 purposes of the district.
- 4 (b) The district may establish and provide for the
- 5 administration of one or more programs to promote state or local
- 6 economic development and to stimulate business and commercial
- 7 activity in the district, including programs to:
- 8 (1) make loans and grants of public money; and
- 9 (2) provide district personnel and services.
- 10 (c) The district may create economic development programs
- 11 and exercise the economic development powers that:
- 12 (1) Chapter 380, Local Government Code, provides to a
- 13 municipality; and
- 14 (2) Subchapter A, Chapter 1509, Government Code,
- 15 provides to a municipality.
- Sec. 3897.109. WATER DISTRICT POWERS. The district has the
- 17 powers provided by the general laws relating to conservation and
- 18 reclamation districts created under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas
- 19 Constitution, including Chapters 49 and 54, Water Code.
- 20 Sec. 3897.110. ROAD DISTRICT POWERS; EXCEPTION.
- 21 (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b) and Section 3897.117, the
- 22 district has the powers provided by the general laws relating to
- 23 road districts and road utility districts created under Section
- 24 52(b), Article III, Texas Constitution, including Chapter 441,
- 25 Transportation Code.
- 26 (b) The district may exercise any power granted by this
- 27 chapter and by Chapter 441, Transportation Code, without regard to

- 1 any provision or requirement of, or procedure or maintenance tax
- 2 rate limitation prescribed by, Chapter 441, Transportation Code.
- 3 Sec. 3897.111. CONFLICT WITH MUNICIPAL RULE, ORDER, OR
- 4 ORDINANCE. To the extent a district rule conflicts with a rule,
- 5 order, or ordinance of a municipality in which the district is
- 6 located, the municipal rule, order, or ordinance controls.
- 7 Sec. 3897.112. NAME CHANGE. The board by resolution may
- 8 change the district's name. The board shall give written notice of
- 9 the change to each municipality in which the district is located.
- 10 Sec. 3897.113. TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT; COMPENSATION. The
- 11 board may employ and establish the terms of employment and
- 12 compensation of an executive director or general manager and any
- 13 other district employees the board considers necessary.
- 14 Sec. 3897.114. USE OF ROADWAY, PARK, OR OTHER PUBLIC AREA OR
- 15 FACILITY OF DISTRICT. (a) The board by rule may regulate the
- 16 private use of a public roadway, open space, park, sidewalk, or
- 17 similar public area or facility in the district. A rule may provide
- 18 for the safe and orderly use of public roadways, open spaces, parks,
- 19 sidewalks, and similar public areas or facilities.
- 20 (b) The board may require a permit for a parade,
- 21 demonstration, celebration, entertainment event, or similar
- 22 nongovernmental activity in or on a public roadway, open space,
- 23 park, sidewalk, or similar public area or facility owned by the
- 24 district. The board may charge a fee for the permit application or
- 25 for public safety or security services for those facilities in an
- 26 amount the board considers necessary.
- 27 (c) The board may require a permit or franchise agreement

#### S.B. No. 1184 with a vendor, concessionaire, exhibitor, or similar private or 2 commercial person or organization for the limited use of the area or 3 facility owned by the district on terms and on payment of a permit 4 or franchise fee the board may impose. Sec. 3897.115. ADDING OR REMOVING TERRITORY. As provided 5 6 by Subchapter J, Chapter 49, Water Code, the board may add territory 7 to the district, subject to Section 54.016, Water Code, or remove 8 territory from the district, except that: 9 (1) the addition or removal of the territory must be 10 approved by: 11 (A) the governing body of the municipality in 12 which the territory is located, as applicable; and (B) the owners of the territory being added or 13 14 removed; 15 (2) a reference to a tax in Subchapter J, Chapter 49, 16 or Section 54.016, Water Code, means an ad valorem tax; and 17 (3) territory may not be removed from the district if 18 bonds or other obligations of the district payable wholly or partly from ad valorem taxes or assessments levied or assessed on the 19 20 territory are outstanding. Sec. 3897.116. NO EMINENT DOMAIN POWER. The district may 21 22 not exercise the power of eminent domain. 23 Sec. 3897.117. NO TOLL ROADS. The district may not 24 construct, acquire, maintain, or operate a toll road.

[Sections 3897.118-3897.150 reserved for expansion]

SUBCHAPTER C-1. IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Sec. 3897.151. MUNICIPAL REQUIREMENTS. (a)

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- 1 improvement project in a municipality must comply with any
- 2 applicable municipal requirements, including codes and ordinances.
- 3 (b) The district may not provide, conduct, or authorize any
- 4 improvement project on the municipality's streets, highways,
- 5 rights-of-way, or easements without the consent of the governing
- 6 body of that municipality.
- 7 Sec. 3897.152. BOARD DETERMINATION REQUIRED. The district
- 8 may not undertake an improvement project unless the board
- 9 determines the project to be necessary to accomplish a public
- 10 purpose of the district.
- 11 Sec. 3897.153. LOCATION OF IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. An
- 12 improvement project may be inside or outside the district.
- 13 Sec. 3897.154. LAKE. For the purposes of this subchapter,
- 14 planning, design, construction, improvement, or maintenance of a
- 15 lake includes work done for drainage, reclamation, or recreation.
- 16 Sec. 3897.155. WATER. (a) An improvement project may
- 17 include a supply and distribution facility or system to provide
- 18 potable and nonpotable water to the residents and businesses of the
- 19 <u>district</u>, including a wastewater collection facility.
- 20 (b) The district may plan, design, construct, improve,
- 21 maintain, or operate a water or sewer facility under this section.
- Sec. 3897.156. ROADS. An improvement project may include a
- 23 paved, macadamized, or graveled road or street inside and outside
- 24 the district, to the full extent authorized by Section 52, Article
- 25 III, Texas Constitution.
- Sec. 3897.157. STORM WATER. An improvement project may
- 27 include protection and improvement of the quality of storm water

- 1 that flows through the district.
- 2 Sec. 3897.158. PARKING OR HELIPORT. An improvement project
- 3 may include the planning, design, construction, improvement,
- 4 maintenance, and operation of an off-street parking facility or
- 5 heliport.
- 6 Sec. 3897.159. EDUCATION AND CULTURE. An improvement
- 7 project may include the planning and acquisition of:
- 8 (1) public art and sculpture and related exhibits and
- 9 facilities; or
- 10 (2) an educational facility and a cultural exhibit or
- 11 facility.
- 12 Sec. 3897.160. CONVENTION CENTER. An improvement project
- 13 may include the planning, design, construction, acquisition,
- 14 lease, rental, improvement, maintenance, installation, and
- 15 management of and provision of furnishings for a facility for:
- 16 (1) a conference, convention, or exhibition;
- (2) a manufacturer, consumer, or trade show;
- 18 (3) a civic, community, or institutional event; or
- 19 (4) an exhibit, display, attraction, special event, or
- 20 <u>seasonal</u> or <u>cultural</u> celebration or holiday.
- 21 Sec. 3897.161. DEMOLITION. An improvement project may
- 22 include the removal, razing, demolition, or clearing of land or
- 23 improvements in connection with an improvement project.
- Sec. 3897.162. MITIGATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS. An
- 25 improvement project may include the acquisition and improvement of
- 26 land or other property for the mitigation of the environmental
- 27 <u>effects of an improvement project.</u>

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1	Sec. 3897.163. ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY. If the governing					
2	body of the municipality where the improvement project is located					
3	consents, an improvement project may include the acquisition of					
4	property or an interest in property in connection with an					
5	improvement project, including a project authorized by Subchapter					
6	A, Chapter 372, Local Government Code.					
7	Sec. 3897.164. SPECIAL OR SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICES. An					
8	improvement project may include a special or supplemental service					
9	for the improvement and promotion of the district or an area					
10	adjacent to the district or for the protection of public health and					
11	safety in or adjacent to the district, including:					
12	(1) advertising;					
13	(2) promotion;					
14	(3) tourism;					
15	(4) health and sanitation;					
16	<pre>(5) public safety;</pre>					
17	(6) security;					
18	(7) fire protection or emergency medical services;					
19	(8) business recruitment;					
20	(9) development;					
21	(10) the elimination of traffic congestion; and					
22	(11) recreational, educational, or cultural					
23	improvements, enhancements, and services.					
24	Sec. 3897.165. MISCELLANEOUS DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, AND					
25	MAINTENANCE. An improvement project may include the planning,					
26	design, construction, improvement, and maintenance of:					

(1) landscaping;

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1	(2) highway right-of-way or transit corridor
2	beautification and improvement;
3	(3) lighting, banners, and signs;
4	(4) a street or sidewalk;
5	(5) a hiking and cycling path or trail;
6	(6) a pedestrian walkway, skywalk, crosswalk, or
7	<pre>tunnel;</pre>
8	(7) a park, lake, garden, recreational facility,
9	community activities center, dock, wharf, sports facility, open
ıo	space, scenic area, or related exhibit or preserve;
<b>1</b> 1	(8) a fountain, plaza, or pedestrian mall; or
12	(9) a drainage or storm water detention improvement.
13	Sec. 3897.166. SIMILAR IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS. An
14	improvement project may include a public improvement, facility, or
15	service similar to a project described by this subchapter.
16	[Sections 3897.167-3897.200 reserved for expansion]
<b>L7</b>	SUBCHAPTER C-2. CONTRACTS
18	Sec. 3897.201. GENERAL CONTRACT POWERS. The district may
19	contract with any person, including a municipality or county in
20	which the district is located, to accomplish any district purpose.
21	Sec. 3897.202. CONTRACT TERMS. (a) In this section,
22	"note" includes a bond anticipation note.
23	(b) A contract the district enters into to carry out a
24	purpose of this chapter may be on any terms and for any period the
25	board determines, including an obligation to issue a negotiable or
26	nonnegotiable note or warrant payable to a municipality, a county,
27	or any other person for the payment or reimbursement of any district

- 1 costs. Sec. 3897.203. REIMBURSEMENT OF COSTS. The district may 2 contract with any person for the payment, repayment, or 3 reimbursement of costs incurred by that person on behalf of the 4 5 district, including all or part of the costs of an improvement 6 project and interest on the reimbursed cost. 7 Sec. 3897.204. CONTRACT FOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. (a) The district may contract with any person for the use, occupancy, 8 9 lease, rental, operation, maintenance, or management of all or part 10 of a proposed or existing improvement project. 11 (b) The district may apply for and contract with any person to receive, administer, and perform a duty or obligation of the 12 13 district under a federal, state, local, or private gift, grant, loan, conveyance, transfer, bequest, or other financial assistance 14 15 arrangement relating to the investigation, planning, analysis, 16 study, design, acquisition, construction, improvement, completion, implementation, or operation by the district or others of a 17 18 proposed\_or existing improvement project. 19 [Sections 3897.205-3897.250 reserved for expansion] 20 SUBCHAPTER D. GENERAL FINANCIAL PROVISIONS Sec. 3897.251. PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT REQUIRED TO 21 22 IMPOSE TAXES OR BORROW MONEY, INCLUDING BONDS. Before the district may issue bonds, impose taxes, or borrow money, the district and 23
- 27 (1) the development and operation of the district; and

development plans and rules for:

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each municipality in which the district is located must negotiate

and execute a project development agreement regarding the

- 1 (2) the financing of improvement projects.
- 2 Sec. 3897.252. ELECTIONS REGARDING TAXES AND BONDS.
- 3 (a) The district may issue, without an election, bonds, notes, and
- 4 other obligations secured by revenue other than ad valorem taxes.
- 5 (b) The district must hold an election in the manner
- 6 provided by Subchapter L, Chapter 375, Local Government Code, to
- 7 obtain voter approval before the district may impose an ad valorem
- 8 tax or issue bonds payable from ad valorem taxes.
- 9 (c) Section 375.243, Local Government Code, does not apply
- 10 to the district.
- 11 (d) All or any part of any facilities or improvements that
- 12 may be acquired by a district by the issuance of its bonds may be
- 13 submitted as a single proposition or as several propositions to be
- 14 voted on at the election.
- 15 Sec. 3897.253. AUTHORITY TO BORROW MONEY AND TO ISSUE
- 16 BONDS. (a) The district may borrow money on terms determined by
- 17 the board. Section 375.205, Local Government Code, does not apply
- 18 to a loan, line of credit, or other borrowing from a bank or
- 19 financial institution secured by revenue other than ad valorem
- 20 taxes.
- 21 (b) The district may issue bonds, notes, or other
- 22 obligations payable wholly or partly from ad valorem taxes,
- 23 assessments, impact fees, revenue, contract payments, grants, or
- 24 other district money, or any combination of those sources of money,
- 25 to pay for any authorized district purpose.
- Sec. 3897.254. ASSESSMENTS. (a) The district may impose
- 27 an assessment on property in the district to pay the cost or the

- 1 cost of maintenance of any authorized district improvement in the
- 2 manner provided for:
- 3 (1) a district under Subchapters A, E, and F, Chapter
- 4 375, Local Government Code; or
- 5 (2) a municipality or county under Subchapter A,
- 6 Chapter 372, Local Government Code.
- 7 (b) An assessment, a reassessment, or an assessment
- 8 resulting from an addition to or correction of the assessment roll
- 9 by the district, penalties and interest on an assessment or
- 10 reassessment, an expense of collection, and reasonable attorney's
- 11 fees incurred by the district:
- 12 (1) are a first and prior lien against the property
- 13 assessed; and
- 14 (2) are superior to any other lien or claim other than
- 15 a lien or claim for county, school district, or municipal ad valorem
- 16 taxes.
- 17 (c) The lien of an assessment against property runs with the
- 18 land. The portion of an assessment payment obligation that has not
- 19 yet come due is not eliminated by the foreclosure of an ad valorem
- 20 tax lien, and any purchaser of property in a foreclosure of an ad
- 21 valorem tax lien takes the property subject to the assessment
- 22 payment obligations that have not yet come due and to the lien and
- 23 terms of the lien's payment under the applicable assessment
- 24 ordinance or order.
- 25 (d) The board may make a correction to or deletion from the
- 26 assessment roll that does not increase the amount of assessment of
- 27 any parcel of land without providing notice and holding a hearing in

- 1 the manner required for additional assessments.
- 2 Sec. 3897.255. PETITION REQUIRED FOR FINANCING SERVICES AND
- 3 IMPROVEMENTS WITH ASSESSMENTS. (a) The board may not finance a
- 4 service or improvement project with assessments under this chapter
- 5 unless a written petition requesting that service or improvement
- 6 has been filed with the board.
- 7 (b) A petition filed under Subsection (a) must be signed by
- 8 the owners of a majority of the assessed value of real property in
- 9 the district subject to assessment according to the most recent
- 10 certified tax appraisal roll for the county.
- 11 Sec. 3897.256. IMPACT FEES; EXEMPTION. (a) The district
- 12 may impose an impact fee on property in the district, including an
- 13 impact fee on residential or commercial property, only in the
- 14 manner provided by Subchapter A, Chapter 372, or Subchapter F,
- 15 Chapter 375, Local Government Code, for a municipality or county.
- 16 (b) An impact fee for residential property must be for the
- 17 limited purpose of providing capital funding for:
- 18 <u>(1) public water and wastewater facilities;</u>
- 19 (2) drainage and storm water facilities; and
- 20 (3) streets and alleys.
- 21 (c) The district may not impose an impact fee on the
- 22 property, including equipment and facilities, of a public utility
- 23 provider in the district.
- 24 Sec. 3897.257. STORM WATER USER CHARGES. The district may
- 25 <u>establish user charges related to the operation of storm water</u>
- 26 facilities, including the regulation of storm water for the
- 27 protection of water quality in the district.

S.B. No. 1184 Sec. 3897.258. NONPOTABLE WATER USER CHARGES. The district 1 2 may establish user charges for the use of nonpotable water for 3 irrigation purposes, subject to approval of the governing body of 4 the municipality in which the user is located. 5 Sec. 3897.259. COSTS FOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS. district may undertake separately or jointly with other persons, 6 7 including a municipality or county in which the district is located, all or part of the cost of an improvement project, 8 9 including an improvement project: (1) for improving, enhancing, and supporting public 10 safety and security, fire protection and emergency medical 11 12 services, and law enforcement in and adjacent to the district; or 13 (2) that confers a general benefit on the entire 14 district or a special benefit on a definable part of the district. Sec. 3897.260. RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY NOT EXEMPT. Section 15 16 375.161, Local Government Code, does not apply to the district. [Sections 3897.261-3897.300 reserved for expansion] 17 18 SUBCHAPTER E. TAXES AND BONDS 19 Sec. 3897.301. PROPERTY TAX AUTHORIZED. The district may 20 impose an ad valorem tax on all taxable property in the district, including industrial, commercial, and residential property, to: 21 22 (1) pay for an improvement project of the types

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authorized by Section 52, Article III, and Section 59, Article XVI,

(2) secure the payment of bonds issued for a purpose

Sec. 3897.302. TAXES FOR BONDS AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS;

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Texas Constitution; or

described by Subdivision (1).

- 1 ELECTION. (a) If the district issues bond anticipation notes
- 2 payable from future bond proceeds that are payable wholly or partly
- 3 from an ad valorem tax, the bonds must have been previously approved
- 4 at an election and meet the requirements of this section.
- 5 (b) At the time bonds or other obligations payable wholly or
- 6 partly from ad valorem taxes are issued:
- 7 (1) the board shall impose a continuing direct annual
- 8 ad valorem tax, without limit as to rate or amount, for each year
- 9 that all or part of the bonds are outstanding; and
- 10 (2) the district annually shall impose an ad valorem
- 11 tax on all taxable property in the district in an amount sufficient
- 12 to:
- (A) pay the interest on the bonds or other
- 14 obligations as the interest becomes due;
- 15 (B) create a sinking fund for the payment of the
- 16 principal of the bonds or other obligations when due or the
- 17 redemption price at any earlier required redemption date; and
- (C) pay the expenses of imposing the taxes.
- (c) Bonds or other obligations that are secured by and
- 20 payable from ad valorem taxes may not be issued unless the bonds and
- 21 the imposition of the taxes are approved by a majority of the
- 22 <u>district voters voting at an election held for that purpose.</u>
- 23 (d) The district shall hold an election required by this
- 24 section in the manner provided by Chapter 54, Water Code, and the
- 25 Election Code.
- 26 Sec. 3897.303. MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION TAX; ELECTION.
- 27 (a) The district may impose a tax for maintenance and operation

- 1 purposes, including for:
- 2 (1) planning, constructing, acquiring, maintaining,
- 3 repairing, and operating all improvement projects, including land,
- 4 plants, works, facilities, improvements, appliances, and equipment
- 5 of the district; and
- 6 (2) paying costs of services, engineering and legal
- 7 fees, and organization and administrative expenses.
- 8 (b) The district may not impose a maintenance and operation
- 9 tax unless the tax is approved by a majority of the district voters
- 10 voting at an election held for that purpose. The proposition in a
- 11 maintenance and operation tax election may be for a specific
- 12 <u>maximum rate or for an unlimited rate. If a maximum tax rate is</u>
- 13 approved, the board may impose the tax at any rate that does not
- 14 exceed the approved rate.
- 15 (c) A maintenance and operation tax election may be held at
- 16 the same time and in conjunction with any other district election.
- 17 The election may be called by a separate election order or as part
- 18 of any other election order.
- 19 Sec. 3897.304. USE OF SURPLUS MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION
- 20 MONEY. If the district has maintenance and operation tax money that
- 21 is not needed for the purposes for which it was collected, the money
- 22 may be used for any authorized purpose.
- 23 Sec. 3897.305. TAX ABATEMENT. The district may enter into a
- 24 tax abatement agreement in accordance with the general laws of this
- 25 state authorizing and applicable to a tax abatement agreement by a
- 26 municipality.
- 27 Sec. 3897.306. BONDS AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS; MUNICIPAL

- 1 APPROVAL. (a) The district by competitive bid or negotiated sale
- 2 may issue bonds, notes, or other obligations payable wholly or
- 3 partly from ad valorem taxes, future bond proceeds, or assessments
- 4 in the manner provided by Subchapter A, Chapter 372, or Subchapter
- 5 J, Chapter 375, Local Government Code.
- 6 (b) In exercising the district's borrowing power, the
- 7 district may issue a bond or other obligation in the form of a bond,
- 8 note, including a bond anticipation note, certificate of
- 9 participation or other instrument evidencing a proportionate
- 10 interest in payments to be made by the district, or any other type
- 11 of obligation.
- 12 (c) In addition to the sources of money described by
- 13 Subchapter A, Chapter 372, and Subchapter J, Chapter 375, Local
- 14 Government Code, district bonds may be secured and made payable,
- 15 wholly or partly, by a pledge of any part of the money the district
- 16 receives from system or improvement revenue or from any other
- 17 source, including future bond proceeds.
- 18 Sec. 3897.307. BOND MATURITY. Bonds may mature not more
- 19 than 40 years from their date of issue.
- 20 [Sections 3897.308-3897.350 reserved for expansion]
- 21 SUBCHAPTER F. DISSOLUTION
- Sec. 3897.351. DISSOLUTION BY MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE. The
- 23 largest municipality in which the district is located may dissolve
- 24 the district by ordinance.
- 25 Sec. 3897.352. LIMITATION ON DISSOLUTION. The municipality
- 26 may not dissolve the district until:
- 27 (1) the district's outstanding bonds have been repaid

- 1 or defeased;
- 2 (2) the district's outstanding debt or contractual
- 3 obligations that are payable from ad valorem taxes have been repaid
- 4 or discharged; and
- 5 (3) each agreement under Section 3897.251 has been
- 6 executed and the district's performance under the agreement has
- 7 been fulfilled, including any right or obligation the district has
- 8 to reimburse a developer or owner for the costs of improvement
- 9 projects.
- 10 Sec. 3897.353. COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS AND OTHER REVENUE.
- 11 (a) If the dissolved district has obligations, other than bonds,
- 12 outstanding secured by and payable from assessments or other
- 13 revenue, other than ad valorem taxes, the municipality in which the
- 14 project that generated the revenue is located shall succeed to the
- 15 rights and obligations of the district regarding enforcement and
- 16 <u>collection of the assessments or other revenue.</u>
- 17 (b) The municipality shall have and exercise all district
- 18 powers to enforce and collect the assessments or other revenue to
- 19 pay:
- 20 (1) the obligations when due and payable according to
- 21 their terms; or
- 22 (2) special revenue or assessment bonds or other
- 23 obligations issued by the municipality to refund the outstanding
- 24 obligations.
- 25 Sec. 3897.354. ASSUMPTION OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.
- 26 (a) After the municipality dissolves the district, the
- 27 municipality assumes the obligations of the district, including any

- 1 debt payable from assessments or other district revenue.
- 2 (b) If the municipality dissolves the district, the board
- 3 shall transfer ownership of all district property to the
- 4 municipality in which the property is located, or if the property is
- 5 not located in a municipality, to the county in which the property
- 6 is located.
- 7 SECTION 2. The district shall include the following land,
- 8 described by metes and bounds as follows:
- 9 All that certain tract or parcel of land lying and being
- 10 situate in the City of Nacogdoches, Nacogdoches County, Texas on
- 11 the SAMUEL MARSHALL SURVEY, A-365, being part of a 98.4 acre tract
- 12 described as 1st Tract of Second Tract, part of a 34.1 acre tract
- 13 described as Third Tract, part of a 7.111 acre tract described as
- 14 Fifth Tract, and part of a 13.592 acre tract described as Seventh
- 15 Tract in a deed from C.S. Jones, et ux, to Lone Star Breeder Farm,
- 16 Inc., dated January 24, 1958, recorded in Volume 272, Page 359 of
- 17 the DRNCT, and part of a 240.7 acre tract described as First Tract
- 18 in a deed from Christian Medical Foundation, Inc., to Lone Star
- 19 Breeder Farm, Inc., recorded in Volume 334, Page 122 of the DRNCT,
- 20 and more particularly described as follows:
- 21 BEGINNING at a 1-1/2" iron pipe found at the base of a fence
- 22 corner post for the SWC of the Kenbrook North Addition, recorded in
- 23 Volume 3, Page 5-7 of the Plat Records of Nacogdoches County, Texas
- 24 (PRNCT), the NWC of the 13.592 acre tract, and in the EBL of the 98.4
- 25 acre tract;
- 26 THENCE N 86°12'34" E (called N 86°45' E in 272/359 and N
- 27 89°36'53" E in 3/5-7 PRNCT) with the NBL of the 13.592 acre tract and

- 1 the SBL of Kenbrook North Addition, at 286.9 feet pass a point 1.7
- 2 feet south of a 3/4" iron rod found, at 406.6 feet pass a point 0.3
- 3 feet north of a 1/2" iron rod found, at 525.6 feet pass a point 1.4
- 4 feet south of a 3/4" iron rod found, at 766.6 feet pass a point 1.0
- 5 feet south of a 3/4" iron pipe found, at 886.6 feet pass a point 0.5
- 6 feet south of a 5/8" iron rod found, and in all 992.29 feet (called
- 7 1119.4' in 272/359 and 994.65' in 3/5-7 PRNCT) to a 2" iron pipe
- 8 found for angle corner in the SBL of Kenbrook North Addition, the
- 9 occupied NEC of the 13.592 acre tract, the NWC of a 11.3 acre tract
- 10 described as Tract Two in a deed from Texas Service Life Insurance
- 11 Company to Lyle Thorstenson, et ux, dated November 4, 1992,
- 12 recorded in Volume 828, Page 30 of the DRNCT;
- 13 THENCE S 06°42'53" W (called S 10° W in 272/359 and S 11° W in
- 14 828/30) with the occupied EBL of the 13.592 acre tract and the WBL
- 15 of the 11.3 acre tract, at 362.61 feet pass a 3/8" iron rod found for
- 16 the SWC of the 11.3 acre tract and the NWC of a 10.39 acre tract
- 17 described in a deed from Tom Jones to Charles Logan, et ux, dated
- 18 July 22, 1966, recorded in Volume 337, Page 372 of the DRNCT, and in
- 19 all 382.11 feet to a point for corner in the centerline of a branch
- 20 and the WBL of the 10.39 acre tract;
- 21 THENCE with the meanders of the centerline of said branch as
- 22 follows:
- 23 1. S 82°09'36" W, 50.72 feet; 2. S 48°54'39" W, 35.18 feet;
- 24 3. S 34°22'24" W, 29.53 feet; 4. S 74°58'24" W, 18.52 feet;
- 25 5. S 49°38'26" W, 43.35 feet; 6. S 00°39'30" W, 39.58 feet;
- 26 7. S 55°24'09" W, 48.03 feet; 8. S 04°28'22" W, 45.81 feet;
- 9. S 56°30'54" W, 15.88 feet; 10. N 69°22'31" W, 46.25 feet;

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#### S.B. No. 1184 1 11. S 55°31'51" W, 61.21 feet; 12. S 70°31'12" W, 100.13 feet; 2 13. S 85°50'02" W, 34.33 feet; 14. N 58°03'58" W, 51.81 feet; 3 15. S 79°38'09" W, 59.16 feet; 16. N 79°34'50" W, 57.07 feet; 17. N 62°50'24" W, 44.62 feet; 18. N 70°59'09" W, 29.20 feet; 4 5 19. N 46°17'24" W, 22.76 feet; 20. S 46°05'11" W, 106.77 feet; 6 21. N 52°48'49" W, 76.41 feet; 22. N 24°49'49" W, 32.59 feet; 7 23. N 68°46'25" W, 89.22 feet; 24. N 55°51'25" W, 44.31 feet; 8 25. N 60°43'07" W, 63.64 feet; 26. N 83°43'02" W, 76.64 feet; 9 27. N 39°08'20" W, 45.76 feet; 28. S 64°00'08" W, 55.43 feet; 10 29. S 78°15'18" W, 51.35 feet; 30. N 65°17'01" W, 40.20 feet; 11 31. N 51°25'37" W, 34.71 feet; 32. S 53°55'17" W, 95.66 feet; 33. S 64°46'48" W, 56.59 feet; 34. S 78°49'38" W, 60.02 feet; 12 13 35. N 84°08'55" W, 71.77 feet; 36. N 40°23'53" W, 27.74 feet; 37. N 60°00'50" W, 58.49 feet; 38. S 89°23'46" W, 38.39 feet; 14 15 39. S 51°47'35" W, 33.00 feet; 40. S 83°31'21" W, 29.43 feet; 16 41. S 41°10'09" W, 14.48 feet; 42. S 83°39'36" W, 22.67 feet; 43. N 20°02'08" W, 16.80 feet; 44. N 08°24'01" W, 14.46 feet; 17 45. N 65°25'57" W, 53.59 feet; 46. N 38°34'52" W, 33.98 feet; 18 19 47. N 76°14'16" W, 54.42 feet; 48. N 81°16'42" W, 44.12 feet; 20 49. N 60°00'12" W, 99.63 feet; 50. N 72°59'23" W, 68.62 feet; 21 51. N 68°45'56" W, 80.15 feet; 52. N 43°13'00" E, 40.35 feet; 53. N 78°25'21" W, 49.93 feet; 54. N 59°59'25" W, 60.28 feet; 22 23 55. N 49°49'20" W, 69.27 feet; 56. N 69°07'16" W, 53.13 feet 24 to a point for corner in the EBL of Lot 2, University Park 25 Subdivision, recorded in Volume 5, Page 33 of the PRNCT, from which 26 a 1/2" iron rod found for witness bears N 01°12'28" E, 30.00 feet;

THENCE N 01°12'28" E, 140.44 feet (called N 04°39'37" E in 5/33

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- 1 PRNCT) with the EBL of Lot 2 to a 1" iron pipe found for corner, from
- 2 which a Tallow snag bears S 54° W, 2.0 feet;
- 3 THENCE N 88°44'28" W (called N 85°23'52" W in 5/33 PRNCT),
- 4 75.00 feet with the NBL of Lot 2 to a 1/2" iron rod found for corner;
- 5 THENCE N 01°10'22" E, 345.85 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set for
- 6 corner in the SBL of a 4.145 acre tract described in a deed from Lone
- 7 Star Breeder Farm, Inc., to the City of Nacogdoches, dated July 16,
- 8 2007, recorded in Volume 2693, Page 177 of the DRNCT, said 4.145
- 9 acre tract being the right-of-way for Maroney Drive;
- THENCE with the SBL of the 4.145 acre tract as follows:
- 11 l. S 88°49'38" E, 189.84 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set for 12 corner;
- Northeasterly, 399.38 feet with a tangent curve to the
- 14 left having a radius of 527.35 feet, a central angle of 43°23'31",
- 15 and a chord of N 69°28'36" E, 389.90 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set for
- 16 corner;
- 3. N 86°47'25" E, 25.99 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set for
- 18 corner;
- 4. N 41°47'25" E, 73.31 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set for
- 20 corner;
- 21 5. N 03°12'35" W, 21.92 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set for
- 22 corner;
- 23 6. N 41°47'25" E, 151.81 feet to a 1/2" iron rod found for
- 24 corner;
- 7. Northeasterly, 388.82 feet with a tangent curve to the
- 26 right, having a radius of 472.65 feet, a central angle of 47°08'02",
- 27 and a chord of N 65°21'26" E, 377.95 feet to a 1/2" iron rod found

- 1 for corner:
- 8. N 88°55'28" E, 37.19 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set for
- 3 corner;
- 9. S 46°04'33" E, 21.92 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set for
- 5 corner;
- 6 10. N 88°55'28" E, 73.31 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set for
- 7 corner;
- 8 11. N 43°55'27" E, 21.92 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set for
- 9 corner;
- 10 12. N 88°55'28" E, at 296.5 feet pass a wire fence, and in all
- 11 304.32 feet to an "X" found chiseled in a concrete drive at the most
- 12 easterly SEC of the 4.145 acre tract, in the WBL of Kenbrook North
- 13 Addition and the EBL of the 240.7 acre tract;
- 14 THENCE S 07°05'37" W (called S 10° W), at 141.3 feet pass a
- 15 point 1.1 feet east of a 3/8" iron rod, at 240.2 feet pass a point
- 16 0.6 feet east of a 1/2" iron rod, at 360.2 feet pass a point 0.7 feet
- 17 east of a 1/2" pipe, and in all 876.83 feet to the place of BEGINNING
- 18 containing within these calls 44.34 acres.
- 19 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
- 20 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
- 21 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
- 22 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
- 23 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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