

Chapter 833

H.B. No. 4203

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the substitution of land within the boundaries of the
3 Harris County Water Control and Improvement District No. 159 after
4 the approval or issuance of district bonds payable wholly or partly
5 from taxes.

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

7 SECTION 1. Subtitle I, Title 6, Special District Local Laws
8 Code, is amended by adding Chapter 9069 to read as follows:

9 CHAPTER 9069. HARRIS COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
10 NO. 159

11 SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

12 Sec. 9069.001. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "district"
13 means the Harris County Water Control and Improvement District No.
14 159.

15 Sec. 9069.002. FINDINGS OF PUBLIC PURPOSE AND BENEFIT. (a)
16 The district is created to serve a public purpose and benefit.

17 (b) The district is created to accomplish the purposes of a
18 water control and improvement district as provided by general law
19 and Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution.

20 SUBCHAPTER B. SUBSTITUTION OF LAND

21 Sec. 9069.051. SUBSTITUTING LAND OF AT LEAST EQUAL VALUE.
22 After the district is organized and has obtained voter approval for
23 the issuance of, or has sold, bonds payable wholly or partly from ad
24 valorem taxes, land within the district boundaries subject to

1 taxation that does not need or utilize the services of the district
2 may be excluded and other land not within the boundaries of the
3 district may be included within the boundaries of the district
4 without impairment of the security for payment of the bonds or
5 invalidation of any prior bond election, as provided by this
6 section and Sections 54.740 through 54.747, Water Code.

7 Sec. 9069.052. CONSTRUCTION OF SUBCHAPTER. This subchapter
8 shall be construed to supplement and not to supplant the provisions
9 of general law applicable to the exclusion of land from the district
10 or the inclusion of land within the district.

11 SECTION 2. (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.

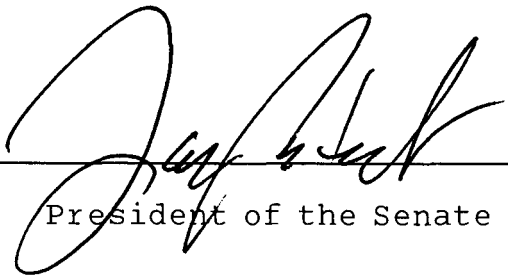
18 (b) The governor, one of the required recipients, has
19 submitted the notice and Act to the Texas Commission on
20 Environmental Quality.

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

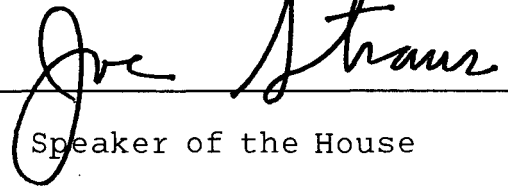
1 and accomplished.

2 SECTION 3. 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, 2015.




President of the Senate

H.B. No. 4203



Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 4203 was passed by the House on May 22, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 140, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.




Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 4203 was passed by the Senate on May 27, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

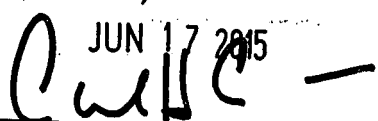


Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: 6-16-2015
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Governor

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Secretary of State

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas**

FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 25, 2015

TO: Honorable Kelly Hancock, Chair, Senate Committee on Administration

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB4203** by Schofield (Relating to the substitution of land within the boundaries of the Harris County Water Control and Improvement District No. 159 after the approval or issuance of district bonds payable wholly or partly from taxes.), **As Engrossed**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

Local Government Impact

Because the bill would not have statewide impact on units of local government of the same type or class, no comment from this office is required by the rules of the House/Senate as to its probable fiscal implication on units of local government.

Source Agencies:

LBB Staff: UP, KK, KVe, EK

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas**

FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 5, 2015

TO: Honorable Doug Miller, Chair, House Committee on Special Purpose Districts

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB4203 by Schofield (Relating to the substitution of land within the boundaries of the Harris County Water Control and Improvement District No. 159 after the approval or issuance of district bonds payable wholly or partly from taxes.), **As Introduced**

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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
STATE OF TEXAS

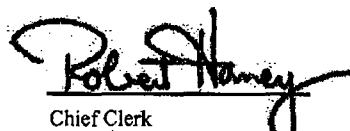
HB 4203
Bill Number

TO: The Honorable Governor of Texas
SUBJECT: A Bill Relating to a Conservation and Reclamation District

This is to transmit to you and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality copies of a bill relating to a conservation and reclamation district and copies of the notice of intention to introduce the bill. One copy is for your files and one for you to forward to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, under Section 59(d), Article XVI, Constitution of the State of Texas.

4/21/2015

Date transmitted to
Governor's Office

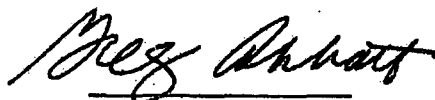

Chief Clerk
House of Representatives

TO: Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
SUBJECT: A Bill Relating to a Conservation and Reclamation District

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April 23, 2015

Date transmitted to
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality


Governor

TO: The Honorable Speaker of the House
The Honorable President of the Senate
The Honorable Governor of Texas
SUBJECT: A Bill Relating to a Conservation and Reclamation District

Attached are recommendations of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality in compliance with Section 59(d), Article XVI, Constitution of the State of Texas.


Texas Commission on Environmental Quality



Bryan W. Shaw, Ph.D., P.E., *Chairman*
Toby Baker, *Commissioner*
Zak Covar, *Commissioner*
Richard A. Hyde, P.E., *Executive Director*



TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution

May 8, 2015

The Honorable Joe Straus
Texas House of Representatives
Capitol Station
PO Box 2910
Austin, Texas 78768-2910

Re: Responsibility of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Pursuant to Article XVI, Section 59(d), Texas Constitution

House Bill (HB) 4203, as Filed by Representative Mike Schofield- Relating to the substitution of land within the boundaries of the Harris County Water Control and Improvement District No. 159 after the approval or issuance of district bonds payable wholly or partly from taxes

Dear Speaker Straus:

The following comments are provided pursuant to the Constitutional requirements referenced above. Under those requirements, the TCEQ must submit, to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the House of Representatives, the TCEQ's recommendations on specific legislation affecting water districts. We recommend that these comments be considered in the evaluation of the proposed legislation.

The bill enacts legislation related to the substitution of land within the boundaries of the Harris County Water Control and Improvement District No. 159 (the "District") as detailed below.

The bill specifies that after the District is organized and has obtained voter approval for the issuance of, or has sold, bonds payable wholly or partly from ad valorem taxes, land within the District boundaries subject to taxation that does not need or utilize the services of the District may be excluded and other land not within the boundaries of the District may be included within the boundaries of the District without impairment of the security for payment of the bonds or invalidation of any prior bond election.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda Brookins".

Linda Brookins, Director
Water Supply Division

cc: Honorable Doug Miller, Chairman, House Committee on Special Purpose Districts
Representative Mike Schofield, Texas House of Representatives

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF TEXAS:

COUNTY OF HARRIS:

Before me, the undersigned authority, a Notary Public in and for the State of Texas, on this day personally appeared, the Newspaper Representative at the HOUSTON CHRONICLE, a daily newspaper published in Harris County, Texas and generally circulated in the Counties of: HARRIS, TRINTY, WALKER, GRIMES, POLK, SAN JACINTO, WASHINGTON, MONTGOMERY, LIBERTY, AUSTIN, WALLER, CHAMBERS, COLORADO, BRAZORIA, FORT BEND, GALVESTON, WHARTON, JACKSON, and MATAGORDA and that the publication, of which the annexed herein, or attached to, is a true and correct copy, was published to-wit:

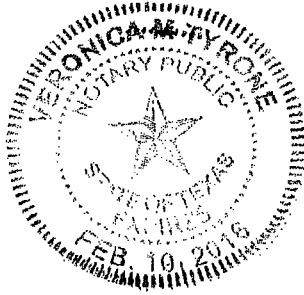
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PER: [Signature]

Edward Silva
NEWSPAPER REPRESENTATIVE

Sworn and subscribed to before me, this the 19th Day of March A.D. 2015



Veronica A. Pyrone
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

**NOTICE OF INTENTION
TO INTRODUCE A BILL
IN THE LEGISLATURE
OF TEXAS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the intention to introduce a bill, captioned substantially as set forth below, in the 84th Legislature of Texas, Regular Session, 2015, relating to the substitution of land within the boundaries of the Harris County Water Control and Improvement District No. 159.

AN ACT relating to the substitution of land within the boundaries of the Harris County Water Control and Improvement District No. 159