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H.B. No. 1800

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the powers of the Harris County Improvement District
No. 17.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 3891, Special District
Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Section 3891.109 to read as
follows:

Sec. 3891.109. ENFORCEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY RESTRICTIONS.

The district may enforce a real property restriction in the manner
provided by Section 54.237, Water Code, if, in the reasonable
judgment of the board, the enforcement of the restriction is
necessary.

SECTION 2. Section 3891.153, Special District Local Laws
Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 3891.153. AUTHORITY TO ISSUE BONDS AND OTHER
OBLIGATIONS. (a) The district may issue bonds, notes, or other
obligations payable wholly or partly from ad valorem taxes, sales
and use taxes, assessments, impact fees, revenue, contract
payments, grants, or other district money, or any combination of
those sources of money, to pay for any authorized district purpose.

(b) The limitation on the outstanding principal amount of
bonds, notes, and other obligations provided by Section 49.4645,
Water Code, does not apply to the district.

SECTION 3. Subchapter D, Chapter 3891, Special District

Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Section 3891.159 to read as follows:

Sec. 3891.159. POWERS OF MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT TO ESTABLISH DEFINED AREAS AND DESIGNATED PROPERTY; TAXES; BONDS. (a) The district has the powers of a municipal utility district under Subchapter J, Chapter 54, Water Code, including the power to:

(1) implement a plan;
(2) issue bonds; and
(3) impose a tax in a defined area established under that subchapter.

(b) The district may exercise the powers described by Subsection (a) regardless of whether the district is composed of the minimum number of acres provided by Section 54.801, Water Code.

SECTION 4. (a) The legal notice of the intention to introduce this Act, setting forth the general substance of this Act, has been published as provided by law, and the notice and a copy of this Act have been furnished to all persons, agencies, officials, or entities to which they are required to be furnished under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, and Chapter 313, Government Code.

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

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

1 (d) The general law relating to consent by political
2 subdivisions to the creation of districts with conservation,
3 reclamation, and road powers and the inclusion of land in those
4 districts has been complied with.

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

9 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
10 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
11 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
12 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
13 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.