CHAPTER 767

S.B. No. 1063

AN ACT
relating to the inclusion of natural gas as a public facility for a public facility corporation.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 303, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 303.007 to read as follows:

Sec. 303.007. NATURAL GAS AS PUBLIC FACILITY. Natural gas purchased by a corporation for resale to a local government under an interlocal cooperation contract described by Section 791.025, Government Code, between the sponsor and the local government is considered a public facility for the purposes of this chapter.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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CHAPTER 768

S.B. No. 1064

AN ACT
relating to the creation of the Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 208; providing authority to impose a tax and issue bonds; granting a limited power of eminent domain.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subtitle F, Title 6, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Chapter 8456 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 8456. FORT BEND COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 208

SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 8456.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:
(1) “Board” means the district’s board of directors.
(2) “Commission” means the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.
(3) “Director” means a board member.
(4) “District” means the Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 208.

Sec. 8456.002. NATURE OF DISTRICT. The district is a municipal utility district created under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution.

Sec. 8456.003. CONFIRMATION AND DIRECTORS’ ELECTION REQUIRED. The temporary directors shall hold an election to confirm the creation of the district and to elect five permanent directors as provided by Section 49.102, Water Code.

Sec. 8456.004. CONSENT OF MUNICIPALITY REQUIRED. The temporary directors may not hold an election under Section 8456.003 until each municipality in whose corporate limits or extraterritorial jurisdiction the district is located has consented by ordinance or resolution to the creation of the district and to the inclusion of land in the district.
Sec. 8456.005. FINDINGS OF PUBLIC PURPOSE AND BENEFIT. (a) The district is created to serve a public purpose and benefit.

(b) The district is created to accomplish the purposes of:

(1) a municipal utility district as provided by general law and Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution; and

(2) Section 52, Article III, Texas Constitution, that relate to the construction, acquisition, improvement, operation, or maintenance of macadamized, graveled, or paved roads, or improvements, including storm drainage, in aid of those roads.

Sec. 8456.006. INITIAL DISTRICT TERRITORY. (a) The district is initially composed of the territory described by Section 2 of the Act enacting this chapter.

(b) The boundaries and field notes contained in Section 2 of the Act enacting this chapter form a closure. A mistake made in the field notes or in copying the field notes in the legislative process does not affect the district's:

(1) organization, existence, or validity;
(2) right to issue any type of bond for the purposes for which the district is created or to pay the principal of and interest on a bond;
(3) right to impose a tax; or
(4) legality or operation.

SUBCHAPTER B. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sec. 8456.051. GOVERNING BODY; TERMS. (a) The district is governed by a board of five elected directors.

(b) Except as provided by Section 8456.052, directors serve staggered four-year terms.

Sec. 8456.052. TEMPORARY DIRECTORS. (a) On or after the effective date of the Act enacting this chapter, the owner or owners of a majority of the assessed value of the real property in the district may submit a petition to the commission requesting that the commission appoint as temporary directors the five persons named in the petition. The commission shall appoint as temporary directors the five persons named in the petition.

(b) Temporary directors serve until the earlier of:

(1) the date permanent directors are elected under Section 8456.003; or
(2) the fourth anniversary of the effective date of the Act enacting this chapter.

(c) If permanent directors have not been elected under Section 8456.003 and the terms of the temporary directors have expired, successor temporary directors shall be appointed or reappointed as provided by Subsection (d) to serve terms that expire on the earlier of:

(1) the date permanent directors are elected under Section 8456.003; or
(2) the fourth anniversary of the date of the appointment or reappointment.

(d) If Subsection (c) applies, the owner or owners of a majority of the assessed value of the real property in the district may submit a petition to the commission requesting that the commission appoint as successor temporary directors the five persons named in the petition. The commission shall appoint as successor temporary directors the five persons named in the petition.

SUBCHAPTER C. POWERS AND DUTIES

Sec. 8456.101. GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES. The district has the powers and duties necessary to accomplish the purposes for which the district is created.

Sec. 8456.102. MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT POWERS AND DUTIES. The district has the powers and duties provided by the general law of this state, including Chapters 49 and 54, Water Code, applicable to municipal utility districts created under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution.

Sec. 8456.103. AUTHORITY FOR ROAD PROJECTS. Under Section 52, Article III, Texas Constitution, the district may design, acquire, construct, finance, issue bonds for,
improve, operate, maintain, and convey to this state, a county, or a municipality for
operation and maintenance macadamized, graveled, or paved roads, or improvements,
including storm drainage, in aid of those roads.

Sec. 8456.104. ROAD STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS. (a) A road project must
meet all applicable construction standards, zoning and subdivision requirements, and
regulations of each municipality in whose corporate limits or extraterritorial jurisdiction
the road project is located.

(b) If a road project is not located in the corporate limits or extraterritorial jurisdiction of
a municipality, the road project must meet all applicable construction standards, subdivision
requirements, and regulations of each county in which the road project is located.

(c) If the state will maintain and operate the road, the Texas Transportation Commission
must approve the plans and specifications of the road project.

Sec. 8456.105. COMPLIANCE WITH MUNICIPAL CONSENT ORDINANCE OR RES-
OLUTION. The district shall comply with all applicable requirements of any ordinance or
resolution that is adopted under Section 54.016 or 54.0165, Water Code, and that consents to
the creation of the district or to the inclusion of land in the district.

SUBCHAPTER D. GENERAL FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 8456.151. ELECTIONS REGARDING TAXES OR BONDS. (a) The district may
issue, without an election, bonds and other obligations secured by:

(1) revenue other than ad valorem taxes; or

(2) contract payments described by Section 8456.153.

(b) The district must hold an election in the manner provided by Chapters 49 and 54,
Water Code, to obtain voter approval before the district may impose an ad valorem tax or
issue bonds payable from ad valorem taxes.

(c) The district may not issue bonds payable from ad valorem taxes to finance a road
project unless the issuance is approved by a vote of a two-thirds majority of the district
voters voting at an election held for that purpose.

Sec. 8456.152. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE TAX. (a) If authorized at an
election held under Section 8456.151, the district may impose an operation and maintenance
tax on taxable property in the district in accordance with Section 49.107, Water Code.

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

Sec. 8456.153. CONTRACT TAXES. (a) In accordance with Section 49.108, Water Code,
the district may impose a tax other than an operation and maintenance tax and use the
revenue derived from the tax to make payments under a contract after the provisions of the
contract have been approved by a majority of the district voters voting at an election held for
that purpose.

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

SUBCHAPTER E. BONDS AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS

Sec. 8456.201. AUTHORITY TO ISSUE BONDS AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS. The
district may issue bonds or other obligations payable wholly or partly from ad valorem
taxes, impact fees, revenue, contract payments, grants, or other district money, or any
combination of those sources, to pay for any authorized district purpose.

Sec. 8456.202. TAXES FOR BONDS. At the time the district issues bonds payable
wholly or partly from ad valorem taxes, the board shall provide for the annual imposition of
a continuing direct ad valorem tax, without limit as to rate or amount, while all or part of
the bonds are outstanding as required and in the manner provided by Sections 54.601 and
54.602, Water Code.

Sec. 8456.203. BONDS FOR ROAD PROJECTS. At the time of issuance, the total
principal amount of bonds or other obligations issued or incurred to finance road projects
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and payable from ad valorem taxes may not exceed one-fourth of the assessed value of the real property in the district.

SECTION 2. The Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 208 initially includes all the territory contained in the following area:

BEING a 366.89 acre tract of land situated in the John Foster 2-1/2 League Grant, Abstract No. 28 of Fort Bend County, Texas and being part of a called 3063.45 acre tract of land described as First Tract in a conveyance to Foster Farms, Inc. recorded in Volume 362, Page 549 of the Fort Bend County Deed Records (F.B.C.D.R.), said 366.89 acre tract of land described by metes and bounds as follows:

BEGINNING at the most northerly northwest corner of said 3063.45 acre tract and the northwest corner of said 3063.45 acre tract and the northeast corner of a called 339.63 acre tract described and recorded in Volume 349, Page 524 of the F.B.C.D.R.;

THENCE, S 89° 43' 00" E, a distance of 1,834.00 feet to the most northerly northeast corner of said 3063.45 acre tract and being in the western right-of-way line of Winner–Foster Road (Width Varies);

THENCE, along the western and northern right-of-way lines of said Winner–Foster Road the following courses and distances:

S 00° 12' 10" W, a distance of 1,613.96 feet to a point for corner;
S 00° 23' 10" W, a distance of 2,431.50 feet to a point for corner;
S 12° 46' 40" W, a distance of 62.54 feet to a point for corner;
S 02° 56' 10" W, a distance of 213.03 feet to a point for corner;
S 00° 09' 30" E, a distance of 2,657.90 feet to a point for corner;
S 00° 06' 10" W, a distance of 1,724.00 feet to a point for corner;
S 38° 17' 20" W, a distance of 113.10 feet to a point for corner;
S 62° 30' 20" W, a distance of 129.60 feet to a point for corner;
S 83° 57' 20" W, a distance of 2,950.10 feet to a point for corner;
S 74° 57' 20" W, a distance of 143.87 feet to a point for corner;

THENCE, N 44° 48' 40" W, a distance of 107.15 feet to a point for corner and being in the line common to said 3063.45 acre tract and a called 339.63 acre tract described and recorded in Volume 349, Page 524 of the F.B.C.D.R.;

THENCE, along the lines common to said 3063.45 acre tract and said 339.63 acre tract the following courses and distances:

N 48° 44' 00" E, a distance of 247.46 feet to a point for corner;
SOUTH, a distance of 54.85 feet to a point for corner;
N 48° 44' 00" E, a distance of 37.99 feet to a point for corner;
N 72° 44' 20" E, a distance of 277.48 feet to a point for corner;
N 63° 43' 20" E, a distance of 114.44 feet to a point for corner;
N 54° 08' 20" E, a distance of 145.76 feet to a point for corner;
N 43° 36' 20" E, a distance of 706.04 feet to a point for corner;
N 42° 01' 20" E, a distance of 285.46 feet to a point for corner;
N 34° 49' 20" E, a distance of 345.87 feet to a point for corner;
N 30° 43' 15" E, a distance of 402.71 feet to a point for corner;
N 00° 06' 00" W, a distance of 80.27 feet to the most southern corner of a called 27.66 acre tract described and recorded under Fort Bend County Clerk's File Number (F.B.C.C.F. No.) 2005020109;

THENCE, along the eastern and northern lines of said 27.66 acre tract the following courses and distances:

N 28° 53' 21" E, a distance of 59.08 feet to a point for corner;
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N 23° 57' 27" E, a distance of 299.97 feet to a point for corner;
N 16° 15' 51" E, a distance of 331.81 feet to a point for corner;
N 19° 01' 38" E, a distance of 580.70 feet to a point for corner;
N 44° 58' 18" E, a distance of 189.22 feet to a point for corner;
N 66° 56' 01" E, a distance of 188.69 feet to a point for corner;
N 77° 44' 37" E, a distance of 323.41 feet to a point for corner;
N 81° 28' 55" E, a distance of 55.99 feet to a point for corner;
N 12° 18' 48" W, a distance of 107.20 feet to a point for corner;
N 07° 38' 38" E, a distance of 117.89 feet to a point for corner;
N 15° 08' 03" W, a distance of 58.15 feet to a point for corner;
N 25° 50' 24" W, a distance of 58.30 feet to a point for corner;
N 34° 49' 05" W, a distance of 274.94 feet to a point for corner;
N 38° 03' 02" W, a distance of 118.88 feet to a point for corner;
N 16° 17' 08" W, a distance of 54.86 feet to a point for corner;
N 03° 12' 23" E, a distance of 7.00 feet to a point for corner;
N 86° 00' 03" W, a distance of 239.04 feet to an angle point;
N 84° 46' 54" W, a distance of 585.18 feet to a point for corner;

THENCE, N 00° 06' 00" W, a distance of 4,823.96 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING and containing 366.89 acres of land.

SECTION 3.  (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, the lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of representatives within the required time.

(d) All requirements of the constitution and laws of this state and the rules and procedures of the legislature with respect to the notice, introduction, and passage of this Act are fulfilled and accomplished.

SECTION 4.  (a) If this Act does not receive a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to each house, Subchapter C, Chapter 8456, Special District Local Laws Code, as added by Section 1 of this Act, is amended by adding Section 8456.106 to read as follows:

Sec. 8456.106. NO EMINENT DOMAIN POWER. The district may not exercise the power of eminent domain.

(b) This section is not intended to be an expression of a legislative interpretation of the requirements of Subsection (c), Section 17, Article I, Texas Constitution.

SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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