

1-1 By: Farney (Senate Sponsor - Schwertner) H.B. No. 1111  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 4, 2015;  
1-3 May 5, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on  
1-4 Intergovernmental Relations; May 20, 2015, reported favorably by  
1-5 the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 20, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Lucio	X			
1-8 Bettencourt	X			
1-9 Campbell	X			
1-10 Garcia	X			
1-11 Menéndez	X			
1-12 Nichols	X			
1-13 Taylor of Galveston	X			
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1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to the powers and duties of the Williamson County  
1-18 Municipal Utility District No. 23; providing authority to issue  
1-19 bonds; providing authority to impose fees and taxes.

1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-21 SECTION 1. Subtitle F, Title 6, Special District Local Laws  
1-22 Code, is amended by adding Chapter 8500 to read as follows:

1-23 CHAPTER 8500. WILLIAMSON COUNTY MUNICIPAL

1-24 UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 23

1-25 SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1-26 Sec. 8500.001. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "district"  
1-27 means the Williamson County Municipal Utility District No. 23.

1-28 Sec. 8500.002. NATURE AND PURPOSES OF DISTRICT. (a) The  
1-29 district is a municipal utility district created under Section 59,  
1-30 Article XVI, Texas Constitution.

1-31 (b) The district is created to accomplish the purposes of:

1-32 (1) a municipal utility district as provided by  
1-33 general law and Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution; and  
1-34 (2) Section 52, Article III, Texas Constitution, that  
1-35 relate to the construction, acquisition, improvement, operation,  
1-36 or maintenance of macadamized, graveled, or paved roads, or  
1-37 improvements, including storm drainage, in aid of those roads.

1-38 SUBCHAPTER B. POWERS AND DUTIES

1-39 Sec. 8500.051. GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES. The district has  
1-40 the powers and duties necessary to accomplish the purposes for  
1-41 which the district is created.

1-42 Sec. 8500.052. MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT POWERS AND  
1-43 DUTIES. The district has the powers and duties provided by the  
1-44 general law of this state, including Chapters 49 and 54, Water Code,  
1-45 applicable to municipal utility districts created under Section 59,  
1-46 Article XVI, Texas Constitution.

1-47 Sec. 8500.053. AUTHORITY FOR ROAD PROJECTS. Under Section  
1-48 52, Article III, Texas Constitution, the district may design,  
1-49 acquire, construct, finance, issue bonds for, improve, operate,  
1-50 maintain, and convey to this state, a county, or a municipality for  
1-51 operation and maintenance macadamized, graveled, or paved roads, or  
1-52 improvements, including storm drainage, in aid of those roads.

1-53 Sec. 8500.054. ROAD STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS. (a) A road  
1-54 project must meet all applicable construction standards, zoning and  
1-55 subdivision requirements, and regulations of each municipality in  
1-56 whose corporate limits or extraterritorial jurisdiction the road  
1-57 project is located.

1-58 (b) If a road project is not located in the corporate limits  
1-59 or extraterritorial jurisdiction of a municipality, the road  
1-60 project must meet all applicable construction standards,  
1-61 subdivision requirements, and regulations of each county in which

2-1 the road project is located.

2-2 (c) If the state will maintain and operate the road, the  
2-3 Texas Transportation Commission must approve the plans and  
2-4 specifications of the road project.

2-5 SUBCHAPTER C. BONDS AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS

2-6 Sec. 8500.101. AUTHORITY TO ISSUE BONDS AND OTHER  
2-7 OBLIGATIONS FOR ROAD PROJECTS. (a) The district may issue bonds or  
2-8 other obligations payable wholly or partly from ad valorem taxes,  
2-9 impact fees, revenue, contract payments, grants, or other district  
2-10 money, or any combination of those sources, to pay for a road  
2-11 project authorized by Section 8500.053.

2-12 (b) The district may not issue bonds payable from ad valorem  
2-13 taxes to finance a road project unless the issuance is approved by a  
2-14 vote of a two-thirds majority of the district voters voting at an  
2-15 election held for that purpose.

2-16 (c) At the time of issuance, the total principal amount of  
2-17 bonds or other obligations issued or incurred to finance road  
2-18 projects and payable from ad valorem taxes may not exceed  
2-19 one-fourth of the assessed value of the real property in the  
2-20 district.

2-21 Sec. 8500.102. TAXES FOR BONDS. At the time the district  
2-22 issues bonds payable wholly or partly from ad valorem taxes, the  
2-23 board of directors of the district shall provide for the annual  
2-24 imposition of a continuing direct ad valorem tax, without limit as  
2-25 to rate or amount, while all or part of the bonds are outstanding as  
2-26 required and in the manner provided by Sections 54.601 and 54.602,  
2-27 Water Code.

2-28 SECTION 2. The Williamson County Municipal Utility District  
2-29 No. 23 retains all rights, powers, privileges, authority, duties,  
2-30 and functions that it had before the effective date of this Act.

2-31 SECTION 3. (a) The legislature validates and confirms all  
2-32 governmental acts and proceedings of the Williamson County  
2-33 Municipal Utility District No. 23 that were taken before the  
2-34 effective date of this Act.

2-35 (b) This section does not apply to any matter that on the  
2-36 effective date of this Act:

2-37 (1) is involved in litigation if the litigation  
2-38 ultimately results in the matter being held invalid by a final court  
2-39 judgment; or

2-40 (2) has been held invalid by a final court judgment.

2-41 SECTION 4. (a) The legal notice of the intention to  
2-42 introduce this Act, setting forth the general substance of this  
2-43 Act, has been published as provided by law, and the notice and a  
2-44 copy of this Act have been furnished to all persons, agencies,  
2-45 officials, or entities to which they are required to be furnished  
2-46 under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, and Chapter 313,  
2-47 Government Code.

2-48 (b) The governor, one of the required recipients, has  
2-49 submitted the notice and Act to the Texas Commission on  
2-50 Environmental Quality.

2-51 (c) The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has filed  
2-52 its recommendations relating to this Act with the governor, the  
2-53 lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of  
2-54 representatives within the required time.

2-55 (d) All requirements of the constitution and laws of this  
2-56 state and the rules and procedures of the legislature with respect  
2-57 to the notice, introduction, and passage of this Act are fulfilled  
2-58 and accomplished.

2-59 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
2-60 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
2-61 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
2-62 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
2-63 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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