| 1-1 | By: Creighton S.B. No. 2574 |
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| 1-2 | (In the Senate - Filed March 22, 2023; March 23, 2023, read |
| 1-3 | first time and referred to Committee on Local Government; |
| 1-4 | April 28, 2023, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7, |
| 1-5 | Nays 0; April 28, 2023, sent to printer.) |
| 1-6 | committee vote |
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| 1-17 | A BILL TO BE ENTITLED |
| 1-18 | AN ACT |
| 1-19 | relating to the creation of the Montgomery County Municipal Utility |
| 1-20 | District No. 228; granting a limited power of eminent domain; |
| 1-21 | providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose |
| 1-22 | assessments, fees, and taxes. |
| 1-23 | BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: |
| 1-24 | SECTION 1. Subtitle F, Title 6, Special District Local Laws |
| 1-25 | Code, is amended by adding Chapter 7969A to read as follows: |
| 1-26 | CHAPTER 7969A. MONTGOMERY COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT |
| 1-27 | NO. 228 |
| 1-28 | SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS |
| 1-29 | Sec. 7969A.0101. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter: |
| 1-30 | (1) "Board" means the district's board of directors. |
| 1-31 | (2) "Commission" means the Texas Commission on |
| 1-32 | Environmental Quality. |
| 1-33 | (3) "Director" means a board member. |
| 1-34 | (4) "District" means the Montgomery County Municipal |
| 1-35 | Utility District No. 228. |
| 1-36 | Sec. 7969A.0102. NATURE OF DISTRICT. The district is a |
| 1-37 | municipal utility district created under Section 59, Article XVI, |
| 1-38 | Texas Constitution |
| 1-39 | Sec. 7969A.0103. CONFIRMATION AND DIRECTOR ELECTION |
| 1-40 | REQUIRED. The temporary directors shall hold an election to |
| 1-41 | confirm the creation of the district and to elect five permanent |
| 1-42 | directors as provided by Section 49.102, Water code. |
| 1-43 | Sec. 7969A.0104. CONSENT OF MUNICIPALITY REQUIRED. The |
| 1-44 | temporary directors may not hold an election under Section |
| 1-45 | 7969A.0103 until each municipality in whose corporate limits or |
| 1-46 | extraterritorial jurisdiction the district is located has |
| 1-47 | consented by ordinance or resolution to the creation of the |
| 1-48 | district and to the inclusion of land in the district. |
| 1-49 | Sec. 7969A.0105. FINDINGS OF PUBLIC PURPOSE AND BENEFIT. |
| 1-50 | (a) The district is created to serve a public purpose and benefit. |
| 1-51 | (b) The district is created to accomplish the purposes of: |
| 1-52 | (1) a municipal utility district as provided by |
| 1-53 | general law and Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution; and |
| 1-54 | (2) Section 52, Article III, Texas Constitution, that |
| 1-55 | relate to the construction, acquisition, improvement, operation, |
| 1-56 | or maintenance of macadamized, graveled, or paved roads, or |
| 1-57 | improvements, including storm drainage, in aid of those roads. |
| 1-58 | Sec. 7969A.0106. INITIAL DISTRICT TERRITORY. (a) The |
| 1-59 | district is initially composed of the territory described by |
| 1-60 | Section 2 of the Act enacting this chapter. |
| 1-61 | (b) The boundaries and field notes contained in Section 2 of |

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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. 7969A.0201. GOVERNING BODY; TERMS. (a) The district is governed by a board of five elected directors.
(b) Except as provided by section 7969A.0202, directors serve staggered four-year terms.

Sec. 7969A.0202. TEMPORARY DIRECTORS. (a) On or after September 1, 2023, 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 7969A.0103; or
(2) September 1, 2027.
(c) If permanent directors have not been elected under Section 7969A. 0103 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 7969A.0103; 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. 7969A.0301. GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES. The district has the powers and duties necessary to accomplish the purposes for which the district is created.

Sec. 7969A.0302. 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. 7969A.0303. 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. 7969A.0304. 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

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specifications of the road project.
Sec. 7969A.0305. COMPLIANCE
WITH MUNICIPAL CONSENT ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION. 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.

Sec. 7969A.0306. DIVISION OF DISTRICT. (a) The district may be divided into two or more new districts only if the district:
(1) has no outstanding bonded debt; and
(2) is not imposing ad valorem taxes.
(b) This chapter applies to any new district created by the division of the district, and a new district has all the powers and duties of the district.
(c) Any new district created by the division of the district may not, at the time the new district is created, contain any land outside the area described by Section 2 of the Act enacting this chapter.
$(\overline{\bar{d}})$ The board, on its own motion or on receipt of a petition signed by the owner or owners of a majority of the assessed value of the real property in the district, may adopt an order dividing the district.
(e) The board may adopt an order dividing the district before or after the date the board holds an election under Section 7969A.0103 to confirm the district's creation.
(f) An order dividing the district shall:
(1) name each new district;
(2) include the metes and bounds description of the territory of each new district;
(3) appoint temporary directors for each new district; and between or among the new districts.
(g) On or before the 30th day after the date of adoption of an order dividing the district, the district shall file the order with the commission and record the order in the real property records of each county in which the district is located.
(h) Any new district created by the division of the district shall hold a confirmation and directors' election as required by Section 7969A.0103. If the voters of a new district do not confirm the creation of the new district, the assets, obligations, territory, and governance of the new district revert to the original district.
(i) If the creation of the new district is confirmed, the new district shall provide the election date and results to the commission.
(j) Municipal consent to the creation of the district and to the inclusion of land in the district granted under Section 7969A.0104 acts as municipal consent to the creation of any new district created by the division of the district and to the inclusion of land in the new district.
(k) Any new district created by the division of the district must hold an election as required by this chapter to obtain voter approval before the district may impose a maintenance tax or issue bonds payable wholly or partly from ad valorem taxes.
(l) This chapter applies to any new district created by the division of the district, and a new district has all the powers and duties of the district.

SUBCHAPTER D. GENERAL FINANCIAL PROVISIONS
Sec. 7969A.0401. 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

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(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.

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(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. 7969A.0402. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE TAX. (a) If authorized at an election held under section 7969A.0401, 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. 7969A.0403. 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. 7969A.0501. 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. 7969A.0502. 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. 7969A.0503. 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 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 Montgomery County Municipal Utility District No. 228 initially includes all the territory contained in the following area:
BEING a 319.424 acre tract of land situated in the Clark Beach Survey, Abstract Number 79, Montgomery County, Texas, being a portion of that certain called $1,278.671$ acre tract described as "Parcel 2, Tract 1" in instrument to Atakapa, LLC., recorded under Clerk's File Number 2013016070 of the Official Public Records of Montgomery County, Texas (O.P.R.M.C.T.), and all of that certain tract described as "Tract 68, of Security Subdivision, described in instrument to Lone Star Timber II, LP, recorded under Clerk's File Number 200 I 106195, O.P.R.M.C.T., said 319.424 acre tract being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows:
BEGINNING at $5 / 8$ inch iron rod found in the northeasterly margin of Crockett Martin Road for the common westerly comer of said Parcel 2, Tract 1 and that certain called 13.98 acre tract described in instrument to Tee Total Engineering Expectations, LLC., recorded under Clerk's File Number 2016093633, O.P.R.M.C.T., being a southwesterly corner of the herein described 319.424 acre tract;
THENCE North $22^{\circ} 38^{\prime} 32^{\prime \prime}$ West, 4 I 8.13 feet, with the northeasterly margin of said Crockett Martin Road, a southwesterly I ine of said Parcel 2, Tract I, to a $1 / 2$ inch iron rod with cap stamped "TPS I 00834-00" set for an angle point in the northeasterly margin of said Crockett Martin Road, being an angle point in a southwesterly line of the herein described 319.424 acre tract; THENCE North 2400'13" West, 163.31 feet, continuing with the northeasterly margin of said Crockett Martin Road, a southwesterly line of said Parcel 2, Tract I, to a $5 / 8$ inch iron rod found for an angle point in the northeasterly margin of said Crockett Martin Road, being an angle point in a southwesterly line of the herein described 319.424 acre tract;

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5-69 1/2 inch iron pipe in the southerly line of that certain called 5.05

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6-33 North 03025'52" West, 662.49 feet, to
North $03^{\circ} 25^{\prime}$ West, 662.49 feet, to a 1 inch iron pipe found for
6-35 northwesterly comer of the herein described 319.424 acre tract;
6-36 THENCE North 86 39'04" East, 652.56 feet, severing, over and across
6-37 said Parcel 2, Tract 1 , to al/2 inch iron rod with cap stamped "TPS
6-38 100834-00" set for a northeasterly comer of the herein described
6-39 319.424 acre tract;
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6-49 South $86^{\circ} 27^{\prime 2} 2^{\prime \prime}$ West, 660.84 feet, to a $5 / 8$ inch iron rod with cap
6-50 found for comer;
6-51 South 03 ${ }^{\circ} 37{ }^{\prime \prime} 00^{\prime \prime}$ East, 329.72 feet, to al/2 inch iron rod with cap
6-52 stamped "TPS I 00834-00" set for comer;
6-53 North $86^{\circ} 27^{\prime} 48^{\prime \prime}$ East, at a distance of 659.12 feet, pass a 1 inch
6-54 iron pipe found, bent, for reference, in all, a total distance of
6-55 660.85 feet, to a $1 / 2$ inch iron rod with cap stamped "TPS 100834-00"
6-56 set for the common southerly corner of said Parcel 2 , Tract 1 and
6-57 said Canseco tract, being the northeasterly corner of the herein
6-58 described 319.424 acre tract;
6-59 THENCE South 03³7'03" East, 1,034.68 feet, continuing across said
6-60 Parcel 2, Tract I, to al/2 inch iron rod with cap stamped "TPS
6-61 100834-00" set in the northerly line of that certain called 4.00
6-62 acre tract described in instrument to Joshua Kevin Perry, recorded 6-63 under Clerk's File Number 2005129306, O.P.R.M.C.T., being a 6-64 southeasterly corner of the herein described 319.424 acre tract,
6-65 from which a $5 / 8$ inch iron rod found for reference bears North 6-66 86³9'34" East, 1, 102.43 feet;
6-67 THENCE South $86^{\circ} 39^{\prime} 3^{\prime \prime}$ West, 217.01 feet, with the common line 6-68 between said Parcel 2, Tract 1 and said 4.00 acre tract, to a $11 / 2$
6-69 inch iron pipe found for a common comer of the same, being an

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7-52 CONTAINING a computed area of 319.424 acres of land within this
7-53 Field Note Description Save and Except the following described
7-54 5.090 acre tract:
7-55 FIELD NOTE DESCRIPTION 5.090ACRES
7-56 IN THE CLARK BEACH SURVEY, ABSTRACT NUMBER 79 MONTGOMERY COUNTY, 7-57 TEXAS
7-58 BEING a 5.090 acre tract of land situated in the Clark Beach Survey,
7-59 Abstract Number 79, Montgomery County, Texas, being all of that
7-60 same tract described as "Parcel I", being Farm Tract 75, of said
7-61 Section 1, described in instrument to JBMG, LTD., recorded under
7-62 Clerk's File Number 9569681, R.P.R.M.C.T., said 5.090 acre tract
7-63 being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows:
7-64 BEGINNING at a $5 / 8$ inch iron rod with aluminum cap found at a inch pinched top iron pipe for the southerly common east corner of said
corner of the herein described 5.090 acre tract, from which a 1 inch
7-68 iron pipe found, for the easterly common north comer of said Parcel
7-69 2, Tract 1 and said Canseco tract bears South $48^{\circ} 23^{\prime} 5^{\prime \prime}$ East,

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8-2 THENCE with the common line between said Parcel 2, Tract 1 and said
8-3 JBMG tract, the following four (4) courses and distances:
8-4 South 86³4' $17{ }^{\prime \prime}$ West, 657. IO feet, to a 1 inch pinched top iron
8-5 pipe found, disturbed for comer, from which a inch iron pipe found
8-6 at a $1 / 2$ inch iron rod found for the southerly common east corner of
8-7 said Parcel 2, Tract I and said 19 acre tract bears South 41635'3 I"
8-8 West, 938.44 feet;
8-9 North 0419'03" West, 336.19 feet, to a $5 / 8$ inch iron rod with cap 8-10 found at a 1 inch iron pipe for comer;
8-11 North $86^{\circ} 25^{\prime} 10 "$ East, 658.66 feet, to a $5 / 8$ inch iron rod found at a
8-12 1 inch iron pipe for comer;
8-13 South 0402'56" East, 337.92 feet, to the POINT OF BEGINNING.
8-14 CONTAINING a computed area of 5.090 acres ofland within this Field
8-15 Note Description Save and Except the following described 4.999 acre
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8-17 FIELD NOTE DESCRIPTION 4.999ACRES
8-18 IN THE CLARK BEACH SURVEY, ABSTRACT NUMBER 79 MONTGOMERY COUNTY,
8-19 TEXAS
8-20 BEING a 4.999 acre tract of land situated in the Clark Beach Survey,
8-21 Abstract Number 79, Montgomery County, Texas, being al I of that
8-22 same tract described as being Farm Tract 108 of said Section $I$,
8-23 described in instrument to Adeline A. Barnes, et al, recorded under
8-24 Clerk's File Number 7506958, R.P.R.M.C.T., said 4.999 acre tract
8-25 being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows:
8-26 BEGINNING at a $5 / 8$ inch iron rod with aluminum cap at a $1 / 2$ inch
8-27 iron pipe found for the easterly common south comer of said Parcel
8-28 2, Tract I and said Barnes tract, being the southeasterly comer of
8-29 the herein described 4.999 acre tract, from which al/2 inch iron rod
8-30 with cap stamped "TPS 100834-00" set for the westerly common south
8-31 comer of said Parcel 2, Tract I and said Canseco tract bears South
8-32 6646'02" East, 739.05 feet;
8-33 THENCE with the common line between said Parcel 2, Tract I and said
8-34 Barnes tract, the following four (4) courses and distances:
8-35 I) South 86³9'47" West, 660.00 feet, to a $5 / 8$ inch iron rod found
8-36 at a $1 / 2$ inch iron pipe for comer, from which a $5 / 8$ inch iron rod
8-37 found in the northeasterly margin of said Crockett Martin Road for
8-38 the common westerly comer of said Parcel 2, Tract 1 and said 13.98
8-39 acre tract bears South $71^{\circ} 56^{\prime} 17{ }^{\prime \prime}$ West, 2655.96 feet;
8-40 North $03^{\circ} 24^{\prime} 08^{\prime \prime}$ West, 330.04 feet. to a $5 / 8$ inch iron rod found at a
8-41 I 1/2 inch iron pipe for comer;
8-42 North $86^{\circ} 40^{\prime 2} 4^{\prime \prime}$ East, 659.95 feet, to a $5 / 8$ inch iron rod with
8-43 aluminum cap found at a $1 / 2$ inch iron pipe for comer;
8-44 South 03²4'41" East, 329.92 feet, to the POINT OF BEGINNING.
8-45 CONTAINING a computed area of 4.999 acres of land within this field
8-46 Note Description
8-47 LEAVING a computed NET area of 309.335 acres of land within this
8-48 Field Note Description.
8-49 This Field Note Description was prepared from a survey performed on
8-50 the ground on April 1, 2021 by Texas Professional Surveying, LLC.,
8-51 Registered Professional Land Surveyors and is referenced to Survey
8-52 Drawing Project Number S458-103-SW S HALF.
8-53 Bearings recited hereon are based on GPS observations and are
8-54 referenced to the North American Datum (NAO) 1983, Texas State
8-55 Plane Coordinate System, Central Zone (4203).
8-56 SECTION 3. (a) The legal notice of the intention to
8-57 introduce this Act, setting forth the general substance of this
8-58 Act, has been published as provided by law, and the notice and a
8-59 copy of this Act have been furnished to all persons, agencies,
8-60 officials, or entities to which they are required to be furnished
8-61 under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, and Chapter 313,
8-62 Government Code.
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(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.

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(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 7969A, Special District Local Laws Code, as added by Section 1 of this Act, is amended by adding Section 7969A.0307 to read as follows:

Sec. 7969A. 0307 . 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 Section 17(c), Article I, Texas Constitution.

SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

