

CHAPTER 827

H.B. No. 2539

AN ACT

establishing the official name of Dallas County Bois D'Arc Island Levee District, authorizing the exclusion of land by the district and conveyance of district facilities within any excluded area, and authorizing the board of directors of the district to establish a minimum benefit basis on all taxable property in the district.

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

SECTION 1. OFFICIAL NAME. Dallas County Bois D'Arc Island Levee District also sometimes known as Dallas County Bois D'Arc Island Levee Improvement District No. 4, created by the Commissioners Court of Dallas County, Texas, on July 11, 1918, shall have the official name of Bois D'Arc Island Levee Improvement District of Dallas and Kaufman Counties.

SECTION 2. DEFINITION. In this Act, "district" means the Bois D'Arc Island Levee Improvement District of Dallas and Kaufman Counties.

SECTION 3. EXCLUSION OF LAND FROM DISTRICT. If the district has no bonds outstanding payable in whole or in part from taxes, the board of directors of the district

may exclude land from the district as provided by Sections 54.701 through 54.707, Water Code.

**SECTION 4. CONVEYANCE OF DISTRICT FACILITIES WITHIN ANY EXCLUDED AREA.** If the district has any facilities located within an area that is excluded from the district, the board of directors of the district may convey those facilities to another governmental entity that will agree to assume the responsibility for flood protection for the excluded area. The conveyance may be on the terms and conditions determined by the board of directors and include any right-of-way, easements, or fee title to land on which the facilities are located.

**SECTION 5. ESTABLISHING MINIMUM BENEFIT BASIS.** If the district levies taxes on the benefit basis, the board of directors of the district may establish a minimum benefit that will accrue to each piece of taxable property within the district beginning in 1987. The board of directors of the district shall serve as the commissioners of appraisal and may contract with Dallas County for the assessment and collection of district taxes.

**SECTION 6. EMERGENCY.** The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed by the House on May 8, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 134, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; and, pursuant to the provisions of Article XVI, Section 59(d) of the Constitution of Texas, a copy of H.B. No. 2539 was transmitted to the Governor on April 10, 1987, and the recommendation of the Texas Water Commission was filed with the Speaker of the House on May 6, 1987. Passed by the Senate on May 25, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Approved June 19, 1987.

Effective June 19, 1987.