

SPECIAL DISTRICT LOCAL LAWS CODE  
TITLE 6. WATER AND WASTEWATER  
SUBTITLE F. MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICTS  
CHAPTER 7893. HARRIS-LIBERTY COUNTIES MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT  
NO. 1

SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 7893.0101. 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 Harris-Liberty Counties Municipal Utility District No. 1.

Added by Acts 2019, 86th Leg., R.S., Ch. 248 (S.B. [2517](#)), Sec. 2, eff. May 28, 2019.

Sec. 7893.0102. NATURE OF DISTRICT. The district is a district created under Section [59](#), Article XVI, Texas Constitution, as the May Public Utility District and converted to a municipal utility district as the Harris-Liberty Counties Municipal Utility District No. 1.

Added by Acts 2019, 86th Leg., R.S., Ch. 248 (S.B. [2517](#)), Sec. 2, eff. May 28, 2019.

Sec. 7893.0103. FINDINGS OF PUBLIC PURPOSE AND BENEFIT.

(a) The district is converted and operates to serve a public purpose and benefit.

(b) The district is converted and operates 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.

Added by Acts 2019, 86th Leg., R.S., Ch. 248 (S.B. [2517](#)), Sec. 2, eff. May 28, 2019.

Sec. 7893.0104. DISTRICT TERRITORY. The district is composed of the territory of the former May Public Utility District as that territory existed on January 1, 2019.

Added by Acts 2019, 86th Leg., R.S., Ch. 248 (S.B. [2517](#)), Sec. 2, eff. May 28, 2019.

#### SUBCHAPTER B. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sec. 7893.0201. GOVERNING BODY; TERMS. (a) The district is governed by a board of five elected directors.

(b) Except as provided by Section [7893.0202](#), directors serve staggered four-year terms.

Added by Acts 2019, 86th Leg., R.S., Ch. 248 (S.B. [2517](#)), Sec. 2, eff. May 28, 2019.

Sec. 7893.0202. 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 at an election held under Section [49.102](#), Water Code; or

(2) the fourth anniversary of the effective date of the Act enacting this chapter.

(c) If permanent directors have not been elected at an election held under Section [49.102](#), Water Code, 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 at an election held under Section [49.102](#), Water Code; 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.

Added by Acts 2019, 86th Leg., R.S., Ch. 248 (S.B. [2517](#)), Sec. 2, eff. May 28, 2019.

#### SUBCHAPTER C. POWERS AND DUTIES

Sec. 7893.0301. GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES. The district has the powers and duties necessary to accomplish the purposes described by this chapter.

Added by Acts 2019, 86th Leg., R.S., Ch. 248 (S.B. [2517](#)), Sec. 2, eff. May 28, 2019.

Sec. 7893.0302. 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.

Added by Acts 2019, 86th Leg., R.S., Ch. 248 (S.B. [2517](#)), Sec. 2, eff. May 28, 2019.

Sec. 7893.0303. 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.

Added by Acts 2019, 86th Leg., R.S., Ch. 248 (S.B. [2517](#)), Sec. 2, eff. May 28, 2019.

Sec. 7893.0304. 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 specifications of the road project.

Added by Acts 2019, 86th Leg., R.S., Ch. 248 (S.B. [2517](#)), Sec. 2, eff. May 28, 2019.

Sec. 7893.0305. 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.

Added by Acts 2019, 86th Leg., R.S., Ch. 248 (S.B. [2517](#)), Sec. 2, eff. May 28, 2019.

Sec. 7893.0306. DIVISION OF DISTRICT. (a) The district may be divided into two or more new districts only if the district:

(1) has never issued any bonds before or after conversion; and

(2) is not imposing ad valorem taxes.

(b) This chapter applies to any new district created by division of the district, and a new district has all the powers and duties of the district.

(c) A new district created by division of the district may not, at the time the new district is created, contain land outside the territory of the district described by Section [7893.0104](#).

(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 [49.102](#), Water Code, to confirm the district's creation.

(f) An order dividing the district must:

(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

(4) provide for the division of assets and liabilities 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) A new district created by division of the district shall hold a confirmation and directors' election as required by Section [49.102](#), Water Code. If the creation of the new district is confirmed, the new district shall provide the election date and results to the commission.

(i) A new district created by 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.

Added by Acts 2019, 86th Leg., R.S., Ch. 248 (S.B. [2517](#)), Sec. 2, eff. May 28, 2019.

#### SUBCHAPTER D. GENERAL FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

##### Sec. 7893.0401. 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 Section [7893.0403](#).

(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.

Added by Acts 2019, 86th Leg., R.S., Ch. 248 (S.B. 2517), Sec. 2, eff. May 28, 2019.

Sec. 7893.0402. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE TAX. (a) If authorized at an election held under Section 7893.0401, 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.

Added by Acts 2019, 86th Leg., R.S., Ch. 248 (S.B. 2517), Sec. 2, eff. May 28, 2019.

Sec. 7893.0403. 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.

Added by Acts 2019, 86th Leg., R.S., Ch. 248 (S.B. 2517), Sec. 2, eff. May 28, 2019.

#### SUBCHAPTER E. BONDS AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS

Sec. 7893.0501. 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.

Added by Acts 2019, 86th Leg., R.S., Ch. 248 (S.B. [2517](#)), Sec. 2, eff. May 28, 2019.

Sec. 7893.0502. 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.

Added by Acts 2019, 86th Leg., R.S., Ch. 248 (S.B. [2517](#)), Sec. 2, eff. May 28, 2019.

Sec. 7893.0503. 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.

Added by Acts 2019, 86th Leg., R.S., Ch. 248 (S.B. [2517](#)), Sec. 2, eff. May 28, 2019.