

SPECIAL DISTRICT LOCAL LAWS CODE  
TITLE 6. WATER AND WASTEWATER  
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CHAPTER 7983A. STANLEY LAKE MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT

SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 7983A.0101. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

(1) "Board" means the district's board of directors.

(2) "District" means the Stanley Lake Municipal Utility District.

Added by Acts 2023, 88th Leg., R.S., Ch. 649 (H.B. 5396), Sec. 1, eff. June 12, 2023.

Sec. 7983A.0102. NATURE OF DISTRICT. The district is a municipal utility district created under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution.

Added by Acts 2023, 88th Leg., R.S., Ch. 649 (H.B. 5396), Sec. 1, eff. June 12, 2023.

Sec. 7983A.0103. 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.

Added by Acts 2023, 88th Leg., R.S., Ch. 649 (H.B. 5396), Sec. 1, eff. June 12, 2023.

SUBCHAPTER B. POWERS AND DUTIES

Sec. 7983A.0201. GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES. (a) The district has the powers and duties necessary to accomplish the purposes for which the district is created.

(b) 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 2023, 88th Leg., R.S., Ch. 649 (H.B. 5396), Sec. 1, eff. June 12, 2023.

Sec. 7983A.0202. 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 2023, 88th Leg., R.S., Ch. 649 (H.B. 5396), Sec. 1, eff. June 12, 2023.

Sec. 7983A.0203. 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 2023, 88th Leg., R.S., Ch. 649 (H.B. 5396), Sec. 1, eff. June 12, 2023.

#### SUBCHAPTER C. DEFINED AREAS

Sec. 7983A.0301. AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH DEFINED AREAS OR DESIGNATED PROPERTY. The district may define areas or designate

certain property of the district to pay for improvements, facilities, or services that primarily benefit that area or property and do not generally and directly benefit the district as a whole.

Added by Acts 2023, 88th Leg., R.S., Ch. 649 (H.B. [5396](#)), Sec. 1, eff. June 12, 2023.

Sec. 7983A.0302. PROCEDURE FOR ELECTION. (a) Before the district may impose an ad valorem tax applicable only to the defined area or designated property or issue bonds payable from ad valorem taxes of the defined area or designated property, the board shall hold an election in the defined area or in the designated property only.

(b) The board may submit the issues to the voters on the same ballot to be used in another election.

Added by Acts 2023, 88th Leg., R.S., Ch. 649 (H.B. [5396](#)), Sec. 1, eff. June 12, 2023.

Sec. 7983A.0303. DECLARING RESULT AND ISSUING ORDER. (a) If a majority of the voters voting at the election approve the proposition or propositions, the board shall declare the results and, by order, shall establish the defined area and describe it by metes and bounds or designate the specific property.

(b) A court may not review the board's order except on the ground of fraud, palpable error, or arbitrary and confiscatory abuse of discretion.

Added by Acts 2023, 88th Leg., R.S., Ch. 649 (H.B. [5396](#)), Sec. 1, eff. June 12, 2023.

Sec. 7983A.0304. TAXES FOR SERVICES, IMPROVEMENTS, AND FACILITIES IN DEFINED AREAS OR DESIGNATED PROPERTY. On voter approval and adoption of the order described by Section [7983A.0303](#), the district may apply separately, differently, equitably, and specifically its taxing power and lien authority to the defined area or designated property to provide money to construct, administer, maintain, and operate services, improvements, and facilities that primarily benefit the defined area or designated

property.

Added by Acts 2023, 88th Leg., R.S., Ch. 649 (H.B. [5396](#)), Sec. 1, eff. June 12, 2023.

Sec. 7983A.0305. ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR DEFINED AREA OR DESIGNATED PROPERTY. After the order under Section [7983A.0303](#) is adopted, the district may issue bonds to provide for any land, improvements, facilities, plants, equipment, and appliances for the defined area or designated property.

Added by Acts 2023, 88th Leg., R.S., Ch. 649 (H.B. [5396](#)), Sec. 1, eff. June 12, 2023.

#### SUBCHAPTER D. BONDS AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS

Sec. 7983A.0401. AUTHORITY TO ISSUE BONDS AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS FOR ROAD PROJECTS. (a) 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 a road project authorized by Section [7983A.0202](#).

(b) 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 2023, 88th Leg., R.S., Ch. 649 (H.B. [5396](#)), Sec. 1, eff. June 12, 2023.

Sec. 7983A.0402. 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 2023, 88th Leg., R.S., Ch. 649 (H.B. [5396](#)), Sec. 1, eff. June 12, 2023.

Sec. 7983A.0403. 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 2023, 88th Leg., R.S., Ch. 649 (H.B. [5396](#)), Sec. 1, eff. June 12, 2023.