CHAPTER 340

H.B. No. 1029

AN ACT

relating to the development, rehabilitation, or expansion of affordable housing in a public improvement district established by a county or municipality.

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

SECTION 1. Section 372.003(b), Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) A public improvement project may include:

(1) landscaping;
(2) erection of fountains, distinctive lighting, and signs;
(3) acquiring, constructing, improving, widening, narrowing, closing, or rerouting of sidewalks or of streets, any other roadways, or their rights-of-way;
(4) construction or improvement of pedestrian malls;
(5) acquisition and installation of pieces of art;
(6) acquisition, construction, or improvement of libraries;
(7) acquisition, construction, or improvement of off-street parking facilities;
(8) acquisition, construction, improvement, or rerouting of mass transportation facilities;
(9) acquisition, construction, or improvement of water, wastewater, or drainage facilities or improvements;
(10) the establishment or improvement of parks;
(11) projects similar to those listed in Subdivisions (1)-(10);
(12) acquirement, by purchase or otherwise, of real property in connection with an authorized improvement;
(13) special supplemental services for improvement and promotion of the district, including services relating to advertising, promotion, health and sanitation, water and wastewater, public safety, security, business recruitment, development, recreation, and cultural enhancement; and
(14) payment of expenses incurred in the establishment, administration, and operation of the district; and
(15) the development, rehabilitation, or expansion of affordable housing.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

Passed by the House on April 28, 2009: Yeas 146, Nays 3, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 21, 2009: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Approved June 19, 2009.


CHAPTER 341

H.B. No. 1031

AN ACT

relating to maintenance of roads on the property of a perpetual care cemetery.

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

SECTION 1. Section 712.007(c), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:
(c) A corporation must include the following statement in each sales contract, certificate of ownership, or other instrument of conveyance of the exclusive right of sepulture:

“This cemetery is operated as a perpetual care cemetery, which means that a perpetual care fund for its maintenance has been established in conformity with the laws of the State of Texas. Perpetual care means to maintain, repair, and care for the cemetery, including the roads on cemetery property.”

SECTION 2. The amendment of Section 712.007(c), Health and Safety Code, by this Act is intended to clarify rather than change existing law.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

Passed by the House on May 6, 2009: Yeas 146, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 21, 2009: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 19, 2009.

Effective September 1, 2009.

CHAPTER 342

H.B. No. 1055

AN ACT

relating to the procedure for submitting certain plans and specifications of buildings or facilities for the purpose of eliminating architectural barriers encountered by persons with disabilities.

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

SECTION 1. Section 469.102(b), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The person shall submit the plans and specifications not later than the 20th day after the date the person issues the plans and specifications. If plans and specifications are issued on more than one date, the person shall submit the plans and specifications not later than the 20th day after each date the plans and specifications are issued. In computing time under this subsection, a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday is not included.

SECTION 2. Section 469.102(b), Government Code, as amended by this Act, applies to plans and specifications issued on or after the effective date of this Act. Plans and specifications issued before the effective date of this Act are governed by the law in effect on the date the plans and specifications are issued, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

Passed by the House on May 15, 2009: Yeas 140, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 27, 2009: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 19, 2009.

Effective September 1, 2009.

CHAPTER 343

H.B. No. 1056

AN ACT

relating to the course levels offered by the University of Houston-Victoria.

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

SECTION 1. Section 111.96, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 111.96. ESTABLISHMENT: SCOPE. (a) The board of regents shall maintain [establish] an [upper-level] educational institution in the City of Victoria to be known as the University of Houston-Victoria.