for the construction and maintenance of a relief highway route around and outside the boundaries of the municipality that the governing body determines will serve a public purpose of the municipality.

(b) The municipality may expend municipal funds and may issue certificates of obligation or bonds to pay for expenses associated with a relief highway route under Subsection (a).

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 22, 2009: Yeas 149, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 22, 2009: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Approved June 19, 2009.


CHAPTER 358

H.B. No. 1256

AN ACT

relating to requiring the posting of notice of voter complaint information at a polling place.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 62, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 62.0112 to read as follows:

Sec. 62.0112. NOTICE OF VOTER COMPLAINT INFORMATION. (a) At one or more locations in the polling place easily visible to voters, the presiding judge shall post notice in a form prescribed by the secretary of state that informs voters of who to call or write to if a voter has a complaint about the conduct of the election.

(b) The title of the notice must read “Voter Complaint Information” and must be printed in at least 100-point Times New Roman font. The notice must:

(1) include the telephone number for the voting rights hotline established by the secretary of state under Section 31.0055;

(2) include any available telephone number dedicated to reporting complaints about the local election official that is administering the election; and

(3) include mailing addresses or Internet websites, as available, to which voters may direct complaints to the federal, state, or local governments about the conduct of elections.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

Passed by the House on May 5, 2009: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 26, 2009: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 19, 2009.

Effective September 1, 2009.

CHAPTER 359

H.B. No. 1257

AN ACT

relating to the payment in installments of ad valorem taxes on certain property owned by a business entity and located in a disaster area and to the ad valorem taxation of a residence homestead rendered uninhabitable or unusable by a casualty or by wind or water damage.

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