CHAPTER 555

S.B. No. 1813

AN ACT
relating to the exception from required public disclosure of certain appraisal district records.

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

SECTION 1. Section 552.148, Government Code, as added by Chapter 471 (H.B. 2188), Acts of the 80th Legislature, Regular Session, 2007, is amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(d) This section applies to information described by Subsections (a) and (c) and to an item of information or comparable sales data described by Subsection (b) only if the information, item of information, or comparable sales data relates to real property that is located in a county having a population of 20,000 or more.

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 the Senate on April 30, 2009: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House on May 26, 2009: Yeas 145, Nays 1, one present not voting.


CHAPTER 556

S.B. No. 1826

AN ACT
relating to the status of liquefied natural gas marine terminals.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 121.007, Utilities Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A person operating a natural gas pipeline, a liquefied natural gas pipeline, or an underground storage facility is not a gas utility if the person certifies to the railroad commission that the person uses the pipeline or underground storage facility solely to deliver natural gas or liquefied natural gas or the constituents of natural gas or liquefied natural gas:

(1) to a liquefied natural gas marine terminal;
(2) from a liquefied natural gas marine terminal to the owner of the gas or another person on behalf of the owner of the gas; [or]
(3) that is acquired, liquefied, or sold by the person as necessary for the operation or maintenance of its facility that is excluded as a gas utility under this section; or
(4) that has been stored for export.

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

Passed the Senate on April 23, 2009: Yeas 30, Nays 0; passed the House on May 26, 2009: Yeas 147, Nays 0, one present not voting.

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AN ACT

relating to the administration and powers of a coordinated county transportation authority.

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

SECTION 1. Section 460.502, Transportation Code, is amended by amending Subsection (d) and adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(d) A bond any portion of which is secured by a pledge of sales and use tax revenues and that has a maturity of five years or longer from the date of issuance may not be issued by an authority until an election has been held in the municipalities in which the authority is authorized to impose a sales and use tax and the proposition proposing the issue has been approved by a majority of the votes received on the issue [in accordance with the provisions established for the authorization of a tax levy under Subchapter C].

(e) Subsection (d) does not apply to the issuance of refunding bonds or bonds described by Subsection (b)(2).

SECTION 2. Section 460.506, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 460.506. SECURITY PLEDGED. To secure the payment of an authority’s bonds, the authority may:

(1) pledge all or part of revenue realized from any tax that is approved and levied;
(2) pledge any part of the revenue of the public transportation system;
(3) mortgage any part of the public transportation system regardless of when acquired; or
(4) pledge government grants, contractual revenue, or lease revenue.

SECTION 3. Subchapter G, Chapter 460, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 460.509 to read as follows:

Sec. 460.509. OBLIGATIONS AND CREDIT AGREEMENTS. An authority may issue obligations and enter into credit agreements under Chapter 1371, Government Code.

SECTION 4. Subdivision (4), Section 1371.001, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(4) “Issuer” means:
(A) a home-rule municipality that:
(i) adopted its charter under Section 5, Article XI, Texas Constitution;
(ii) has a population of 50,000 or more; and
(iii) has outstanding long-term indebtedness that is rated by a nationally recognized rating agency for municipal securities in one of the four highest rating categories for a long-term obligation;
(B) a conservation and reclamation district created and organized as a river authority under Section 52, Article III, or Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution;
(C) a joint powers agency organized and operating under Chapter 163, Utilities Code;
(D) a metropolitan rapid transit authority, regional transportation authority, or coordinated county transportation authority created, organized, or operating under Chapter 451, [or] 492, or 460, Transportation Code;
(E) a conservation and reclamation district organized or operating as a navigation district under Section 52, Article III, or Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution;