

LEVEE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS



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- Levee Improvement Districts (LIDs) are political subdivisions of the state, responsible for flood control and stormwater management within specific geographic areas.
- Established by county commissioners courts after a petition process and public hearing.
- Governed by a board of directors, often appointed by the commissioners court or elected by residents, and are subject to conflicts of interest, nepotism, penal code provisions, ethics guidelines, gift laws, etc.
- LIDs can only exercise power expressly granted in the Texas Water Code, Chapter 57, or other specific law. They derive their authority and power from the Texas Constitution and are regulated by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, the Texas Attorney General (Public Finance Division), Cities, Counties, and the EPA.
- Funded through a combination of property taxes, bond issues, and other revenue sources.
- LIDs are subject to the Open Meetings Act and Public Information Act.
- Associated Organization: Texas Water Conservation Association (TWCA).