

NAVIGATION DISTRICT & PORT AUTHORITY



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- Navigation Districts are political subdivisions of the state, for the purpose of improving rivers, bays, creeks, streams, and canals inside or adjacent to the districts, as well as constructing and maintaining canals and waterways to allow or aid navigation.
- There are 24 Navigation Districts statewide.
- The creation of Navigation Districts is authorized under Section 52, Article III, and Section 59, Article XVI of the Texas Constitution to serve different purposes. Chapters 60 through 63 of the Texas Water Code outline provisions related to navigation districts.
- Navigation Districts can construct and maintain waterways, issue bonds, levy taxes, and acquire property. They also have authority over facilities such as docks, canals, and other improvements necessary for navigation.
- Governed by board members either through an election or appointment, depending on the specific navigation district and its establishing legislation.
- Navigation Districts can levy a maintenance and operation tax, typically at a rate not to exceed ten cents per \$100 valuation.
- They can adopt property freezes for people with disabilities or those 65 and older.
- Associated Organization: Texas Ports Association (TPA).