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3 MELSON AMENDMENT TO SB345
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8 On page 3, line 20, after "county." insert the
9 following:

10 The operational area of an agriculture authority may
11 not extend beyond the boundaries of the county in which an
12 agriculture authority is incorporated.
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14 On page 3, delete lines 21 to 25, inclusive,
15 renumber the remaining subsections accordingly, and insert in
16 lieu thereof the following:

17 (b) Any number of natural persons who are residents
18 and qualified electors in the county may file an application
19 in writing with the county commission for authority to
20 incorporate and organize an agriculture authority. If the
21 application is approved, the county commission shall adopt a
22 resolution declaring it to be wise, expedient, and beneficial
23 to the county that the agriculture authority be formed and
24 that the persons filing the application are authorized to form
25 the authority. An agriculture authority may not be formed
26 under this act unless the application is approved by the

1 county commission and the resolution required herein is
2 adopted.

3 (c) Once the county commission has approved the
4 application as provided in subsection (b), the persons seeking
5 incorporation of an agriculture authority shall file articles
6 of incorporation with the office of the judge of probate that
7 do all of the following:

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9 On page 4, line 5, after "authority" insert the
10 following:

11 within the county

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13 On page 4, delete line 6 in its entirety and insert
14 in lieu thereof the following:

15 (3) States that the county commission has approved
16 the application for an agriculture authority and has adopted a

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18 On page 4, line 14, after "area" insert the
19 following:

20 , which may not extend beyond the boundaries of the
21 county in which the authority is incorporated

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23 On page 7, line 23, delete "a" and insert in lieu
24 thereof the following:

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1 On page 8, line 16, after "authority" insert the
2 following:

3 , provided the articles may not be amended to extend
4 the operational area of the authority beyond the boundaries of
5 the county in which the authority is incorporated
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7 On page 9, line 3, after "amendment." insert the
8 following:

9 A proposed amendment shall not take effect unless
10 approved by the county commission.
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12 On page 10, delete lines 5 to 8, inclusive, and
13 insert in lieu thereof the following:

14 (4) To plan for construction and development of an
15 agriculture center within the operational area of the
16 agriculture authority on property owned by the authority.
17 Construction and development may include any or all of the
18 following:
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20 On page 12, delete lines 3 and 4 and insert in lieu
21 thereof the following:

22 (14) To enter into financing agreements with federal
23 or state agencies that may require the authority to mortgage
24 its property.
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26 On page 14, after line 20, insert the following:

1 (c) The powers and authority set forth in this
2 section shall only be exercised if necessary in order for the
3 authority to receive federal funding or grants for any
4 projects or activities of the authority.

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6 On page 16, line 21, after "taxes" insert the
7 following:

8 for any necessary construction materials purchased
9 for any of the purposes set forth in subdivision (4) of
10 subsection (a) of Section 4, but is responsible for all other
11 state, county, and municipal sales and use taxes

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13 On page 16, line 23, after "taxes" insert the
14 following:

15 if approved by resolution of the county commission
16 in the county of incorporation of the agriculture authority