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H.B. No. 1694

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to a local option election on the sale of alcoholic  
3 beverages in certain areas of a municipality and the local  
4 regulation of premises in those areas.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Section 251.742, Alcoholic Beverage Code, is  
7 amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (i) to  
8 read as follows:

9 (b) This section applies only to a municipality that:

10 (1) has a population of 15,000 or more~~+~~ and

11 [~~2~~] is located in two counties one of which:

12 (A) has a population of 340,000 or more; and

13 (B) borders the Gulf of Mexico; or

14 (2) has a population of 240,000 or more and:

15 (A) is located in two or more counties; and

16 (B) borders a man-made lake that has a surface  
17 area of at least 20,000 acres.

18 (i) Subject to Chapter 211, Local Government Code, the  
19 governing body of the municipality may adopt zoning and land use  
20 regulations applicable to a premises that sells alcoholic beverages  
21 in the boundaries of a zone designated under this section.

22 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.