

Amend **HB 1278** by striking SECTION 3 of the bill and substituting the following:

SECTION 3. Section 211.003(b), Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) In the case of designated places and areas of historical, cultural, or architectural importance and significance, the governing body of a municipality may regulate the construction, reconstruction, alteration, or razing of buildings and other structures, other than a building or other structure that is owned by a religious organization and is exempt from ad valorem taxation under Section 11.20, Tax Code.

SECTION 4. (a) Sections 1 and 2 of this Act take effect January 1, 2004, and apply only to a tax year that begins on or after that date, but only if the constitutional amendment proposed by the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation land owned by a religious organization for purposes of expanding or constructing a religious facility is approved by the voters. If that amendment is not approved by the voters Sections 1 and 2 of this Act have no effect.

(b) Section 3 of this Act takes effect immediately if this Act 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, Section 3 of this Act takes effect September 1, 2003.