

BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 3303
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Border and International Affairs
Committee Report (Substituted)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

The City of McAllen (McAllen) purchased its first international bridge over the Rio Grande between the City of Reynosa, Mexico (Reynosa) and the City of Hidalgo, Texas (Hidalgo) in 1960. McAllen was authorized to issue debt and to vest the management control of the bridge system in the city's governing body or a board of trustees. McAllen entered into an interlocal agreement with Hidalgo whereby the mayor of Hidalgo served on the bridge board of trustees. McAllen has issued debt and has maintained the continuance of the bridge board of trustees.

McAllen is now proposing to build a new international bridge crossing which will connect Reynosa, McAllen, and the City of Mission, Texas (Mission). McAllen has entered into another interlocal agreement with Mission and Hidalgo relating to the creation of a bridge board of trustees, such that now McAllen, under two interlocal agreements, has two international bridge board of trustees. In order to finance the construction of the new international bridge crossing and meet the financial requirement for the issuance of debt, McAllen must treat both bridges and the operations as one system. C.S.H.B. 3303 would validate the administrative proceedings and acts that the City of McAllen has already taken to authorize the creation of the two boards of trustees.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

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SECTION 1. C.S.H.B. 3303 provides that all governmental acts and proceedings of the City of McAllen authorizing the creation of the two boards of trustees, providing for the management and control of its international bridge system are validated as of the dates on which they occurred. C.S.H.B. 3303 provides that this Act does not apply to any matter that, on the effective date, is involved in litigation if the litigation ultimately results in the matter being held invalid by a final judgement of a court or competent jurisdiction or any matter, that on the effective date, has been held invalid by a final judgement of a court of competent jurisdiction

SECTION 3. Effective date.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or if the Act does not receive the necessary vote, the Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL TO SUBSTITUTE

The substitute amends the original by making non-substantive technical clarifications. The substitute also eliminates language relating to application of the act to administrative acts or proceedings initiated on or before the effective date of this Act.

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