

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Current law allowing certain eligible counties to construct and maintain toll roads are not clear as to whether such projects may include a toll road project located entirely outside of the eligible county's borders. S.B. 716 amends Chapter 284 of the Transportation Code to clearly allow eligible counties to construct, operate, and maintain a toll road project that is located exclusively in adjacent counties, provided that the action has been approved by the adjacent county's commissioner's court. In addition, S.B. 716 adds counties bordering Mexico as counties to which Chapter 284 applies.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Subsection (a), Section 284.002, Transportation Code, by adding Subdivision (4) to make this chapter apply to a county that borders the United Mexican States.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 284.003, Transportation Code, by creating Subdivisions (1)(A) and (1)(B) from existing text and adding Subdivision (1)(C) to authorize a county or local government corporation to construct, acquire, improve, operate, maintain, or pool a project located in one or more counties adjacent to the county. Authorizes a county or local government corporation to construct a bridge over a deep water navigation channel if the bridge does not hinder maritime transportation. Makes conforming and nonsubstantive changes.

SECTION 3. Amends Section 284.067, Transportation Code, by amending Subsection (d) and adding Subsection (e), as follows:

(d) Makes a conforming change.

(e) Requires two-tenths of one percent of the toll revenue to be shared equally between the permanent school fund and the General Land Office. Requires the General Land Office to use its share for the acquisition of real property in a natural state in the county of the project. Requires the acquired land to be maintained in a natural state.

SECTION 4. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2003.