

AN ACT

relating to the authority of counties and municipalities to incur debt to participate in erosion response projects undertaken by the General Land Office.

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

SECTION 1. Section 421.002, Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 421.002. AUTHORIZED PROJECTS; DEBT. (a) The commissioners court of the county or the municipal authority of the municipality may:

(1) establish, construct, extend, maintain, or improve a seawall, breakwater, levee, floodway, or drainway; ~~and~~

(2) improve, maintain, or beautify a boulevard erected in connection with the seawall, breakwater, levee, floodway, or drainway; and

(3) for purposes of implementing Subchapter H, Chapter 33, Natural Resources Code:

(A) participate as a qualified project partner for an erosion response project undertaken by the General Land Office, as those terms are defined by Section 33.601, Natural Resources Code; and

(B) undertake or contribute to the funding of:

(i) beach renourishment on public beaches, as defined by Section 61.012, Natural Resources Code; or

1 (ii) any other erosion response project as
2 defined by Section 33.601, Natural Resources Code, on waterways,
3 bays, and bay shorelines.

4 (b) The commissioners court or municipal authority may
5 incur debt for a purpose authorized under Subsection (a).

6 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
7 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
8 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
9 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
10 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 917 was passed by the House on April 3, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 141, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 917 on May 26, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 139, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 917 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 24, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor