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H.B. No. 917

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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~~[-]~~;

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

(4) undertake or contribute to the funding of shoreline or beach renourishment projects on Texas bays or public beaches.

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

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