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H.B. No. 1656

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to a local option election for the sale of certain  
3 alcoholic beverages in certain cities or towns located in more than  
4 one county.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 251.18(a), Alcoholic Beverage Code, is  
7 amended to read as follows:

8 (a) This section applies only to an election to permit or  
9 prohibit the legal sale of:

10 (1) mixed beverages by a food and beverage certificate  
11 holder in an incorporated city or town that is located in more than  
12 one county; ~~or~~

13 (2) beer and wine in an incorporated city or town that  
14 does not permit beer and wine sales on September 1, 2001, and is  
15 located in:

16 (A) two counties:

17 (i) that each have a population of at least  
18 250,000 but not more than one million; and

19 (ii) one of which contains a city or town  
20 with a population of 125,000 or more; or

21 (B) three counties:

22 (i) that each have a population of not more  
23 than 300,000; and

24 (ii) one of which contains a city or town

1 with a population of 20,000 or more; or

2 (3) beer and wine in an incorporated city or town that:

3 (A) is located in two counties:

4 (i) that each have a population of at least  
5 125,000 but not more than 1.5 million; and

6 (ii) one of which contains a city or town  
7 with a population of 525,000 or more; and

8 (B) has a population of less than 25,000.

9 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.