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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the regulation of certain special districts by certain populous counties.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 232, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Subchapter F to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER F. REGULATION OF CERTAIN SPECIAL DISTRICTS

Sec. 232.151. SPECIAL DISTRICTS COVERED. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), this subchapter applies only to the following special districts:

(1) municipal utility districts, special utility districts, road utility districts, and any other type of utility district;

(2) fresh water supply districts;

(3) drainage districts; and

(4) road and bridge districts.

(b) This subchapter does not apply to the North Texas Municipal Water District.

Sec. 232.152. COUNTIES COVERED. This subchapter applies only to a county:

(1) that has a population of 450,000 or more;

(2) that is adjacent to a county with a population of one million or more; and

(3) in which each municipality located predominantly

1 in the county has a population of less than 500,000.

2 Sec. 232.153. INFORMATION REQUIRED. (a) The commissioners
3 court of the county may, in the territory of the county located in a
4 special district and outside municipalities, require the following
5 information in regard to the construction of buildings to be
6 provided to the court in the form of an application:

7 (1) the height, number of stories, and size of
8 buildings and other structures;

9 (2) the percentage of a lot that may be occupied;

10 (3) the size of yards, courts, and other open spaces;

11 (4) population density;

12 (5) the location and use of buildings, other
13 structures, and land for business, industrial, residential, or
14 other purposes;

15 (6) the placement of water and sewage facilities,
16 parks, and other public requirements; and

17 (7) any other relevant information.

18 (b) The commissioners court may require a special district
19 to provide the financial and factual information to be submitted to
20 the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for an application
21 to:

22 (1) create a special district; or

23 (2) sell bonds for a special district.

24 Sec. 232.154. REVIEW OF INFORMATION. The commissioners
25 court of the county may determine whether the application submitted
26 under Section 232.153 is in accordance with the county
27 comprehensive plan and whether the application is designed to:

