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H.B. No. 2608

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the duration of a lease for municipal civic center property.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1504.012, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1504.012. TERM OF CERTAIN LEASES. In a municipality with a population of 1.9 [~~1.5~~] million or more, a lease entered into under Section 1504.001 may have a term not to exceed 60 years if:

(1) the lessee proposes to invest more than \$20 million:

(A) to renovate or redevelop an existing civic center building and facilities that are used in connection with and are located at or in the immediate vicinity of that building; or

(B) to develop a new building or facilities on land administered, operated, or used as a civic center property;  
and

(2) the governing body of the municipality finds that:

(A) the renovated or redeveloped building and facilities or the new building or facilities will generate additional revenue for the municipality; and

(B) a term that exceeds 30 years is necessary to enable the lessee to recoup its investment or to obtain financing for the project.

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.