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H.B. No. 3247

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to causeways, bridges, tunnels, turnpikes, and highways in
3 certain counties bordering the Gulf of Mexico and in adjacent
4 counties.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 284.003, Transportation Code, is amended
7 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 284.003. PROJECT AUTHORIZED; CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION,
9 AND COST. A county, acting through the commissioners court of the
10 county, or a local government corporation, without state approval,
11 supervision, or regulation, may:

12 (1) construct, acquire, improve, operate, maintain,
13 or pool a project located:

14 (A) exclusively in the county; ~~or~~

15 (B) in the county and outside the county; or

16 (C) in one or more counties adjacent to the
17 county;

18 (2) issue tax bonds, revenue bonds, or combination tax
19 and revenue bonds to pay the cost of the construction, acquisition,
20 or improvement of a project; or

21 (3) impose tolls or charges as otherwise authorized by
22 this chapter.

23 SECTION 2. Section 284.067(d), Transportation Code, is
24 amended to read as follows:

1 (d) Payment of the purchase price, award, or other cost of
2 the project may be on the terms to which the commissioners courts of
3 the county issuing the bonds and the other county or counties agree.
4 Proceeds from bonds issued under this chapter may be used to pay a
5 cost incurred under this section.

6 SECTION 3. 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.