

By: Jackson

S.B. No. 708

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to regulation of wild animals by counties and certain
3 other authorities.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 240.002, Local Government Code, is
6 amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

7 (c) The commissioners court of a county may delegate the
8 authority granted under Subsection (a) to a county health
9 department or a public health district established under Subchapter
10 E, Chapter 121, Health and Safety Code.

11 SECTION 2. Section 822.116(b), Health and Safety Code, is
12 amended to read as follows:

13 (b) This subchapter does not prevent a municipality or
14 county, or a public health district authorized by a county under
15 Section 240.002, Local Government Code, from prohibiting or
16 regulating by ordinance or order the ownership, possession,
17 confinement, or care of a dangerous wild animal.

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