By: Lindsay S.B. No. 716

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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

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- BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: 5
- SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 284.002, Transportation 6
- Code, is amended to read as follows: 7
- 8 Except as provided by Subsection (b), this chapter
- applies only to a county that: 9
- (1) has a population of 50,000 or more and borders the 10
- Gulf of Mexico or a bay or inlet opening into the gulf; 11
- (2) has a population of 1.5 million or more; [or] 12
- 13 (3) is adjacent to a county that has a population of
- 1.5 million or more; or 14
- (4) borders the United Mexican States. 15
- SECTION 2. Section 284.003, Transportation Code, is amended 16
- to read as follows: 17
- Sec. 284.003. PROJECT AUTHORIZED; CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION, 18
- 19 AND COST. A county, acting through the commissioners court of the
- county, or a local government corporation, without state approval, 20
- supervision, or regulation, may: 21
- 22 (1) construct, acquire, improve, operate, maintain,
- 23 or pool a project located:
- (A) exclusively in the county; 24

- 1 (B) [er] in the county and outside the county; or
- 2 (C) in one or more counties adjacent to the
- 3 county;
- 4 (2) issue tax bonds, revenue bonds, or combination tax
- 5 and revenue bonds to pay the cost of the construction, acquisition,
- 6 or improvement of a project; or
- 7 (3) impose tolls or charges as otherwise authorized by
- 8 this chapter.
- 9 SECTION 3. Subsection (d), Section 284.067, Transportation
- 10 Code, is amended to read as follows:
- 11 (d) Payment of the purchase price, award, or other cost of
- 12 the project may be on the terms to which the commissioners courts of
- 13 the county issuing the bonds and the other county or counties agree.
- 14 Proceeds from bonds issued under this chapter may be used to pay a
- 15 cost incurred under this section.
- 16 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
- 17 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
- 18 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
- 19 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
- 20 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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1	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO. 1					
2	Amend SB716 as follows:					
3	(1) Page 2, add subsection (e) to SECTION 3.					
4	(e) 0.2% of the toll revenue shall be shared equally between					
5	the Permanent School Fund and the General Land Office. The General					
6	Land Office shall use its share for the acquisition of real property					
7	in a natural state in the county of the project. The acquired land					
8	shall be maintained in a natural state.					
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10	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO. 2					
11	Amend SB716 as follows:					
12	(1) Page 2, Line 6, strike "or"					
13	(2) Page 2, Line 8, Strike "." and insert "; or"					
14	(3) Page 2, Line 9, add new subsection 284.003(4) as					
15	follows:					
16	(4) "construct a bridge over a deep water navigation					
17	channel if the bridge does not hinder maritime transportation."					
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