

1-1 By: Lindsay S.B. No. 716
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 26, 2003; March 3, 2003,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Infrastructure
1-4 Development and Security; March 19, 2003, reported favorably, as
1-5 amended, by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; March 19, 2003,
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO. 1 By: Shapleigh

1-8 Amend S.B. No. 716 by inserting the following section and
1-9 renumbering subsequent sections accordingly:

1-10 SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 284.002, Transportation
1-11 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-12 (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), this chapter
1-13 applies only to a county that:

1-14 (1) has a population of 50,000 or more and borders the
1-15 Gulf of Mexico or a bay or inlet opening into the gulf;

1-16 (2) has a population of 1.5 million or more; [~~or~~]

1-17 (3) is adjacent to a county that has a population of
1-18 1.5 million or more; or

1-19 (4) has a population of 500,000 or more and borders the
1-20 United Mexican States.

1-21 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-22 AN ACT

1-23 relating to causeways, bridges, tunnels, turnpikes, and highways in
1-24 certain counties bordering the Gulf of Mexico and in adjacent
1-25 counties.

1-26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-27 SECTION 1. Section 284.003, Transportation Code, is amended
1-28 to read as follows:

1-29 Sec. 284.003. PROJECT AUTHORIZED; CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION,
1-30 AND COST. A county, acting through the commissioners court of the
1-31 county, or a local government corporation, without state approval,
1-32 supervision, or regulation, may:

1-33 (1) construct, acquire, improve, operate, maintain,
1-34 or pool a project located:

1-35 (A) exclusively in the county;

1-36 (B) [~~or~~] in the county and outside the county; or

1-37 (C) in one or more counties adjacent to the
1-38 county;

1-39 (2) issue tax bonds, revenue bonds, or combination tax
1-40 and revenue bonds to pay the cost of the construction, acquisition,
1-41 or improvement of a project; or

1-42 (3) impose tolls or charges as otherwise authorized by
1-43 this chapter.

1-44 SECTION 2. Subsection (d), Section 284.067, Transportation
1-45 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-46 (d) Payment of the purchase price, award, or other cost of
1-47 the project may be on the terms to which the commissioners courts of
1-48 the county issuing the bonds and the other county or counties agree.
1-49 Proceeds from bonds issued under this chapter may be used to pay a
1-50 cost incurred under this section.

1-51 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-52 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-53 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-54 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-55 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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