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S.B. No. 1466

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the financing of convention center hotels by certain
3 counties.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subdivision (2), Section 352.001, Tax Code, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (2) "Convention center facilities" or "convention
8 center complex" means civic centers, civic center buildings,
9 auditoriums, exhibition halls, and coliseums that are owned by the
10 county or that are managed in whole or part by the county. In a
11 county with a population of more than 3.3 million, "convention
12 center facilities" or "convention center complex" means civic
13 centers, civic center buildings, auditoriums, exhibition halls,
14 and coliseums that are owned by the county, or that are managed in
15 whole or in part by the county, and hotels owned by the county or a
16 nonprofit local government corporation sponsored by the county
17 created under Chapter 431, Transportation Code, within 1,000 feet
18 of a convention center or stadium. The term includes parking areas
19 or facilities that are for the parking or storage of conveyances and
20 that are located at or in the immediate vicinity of other convention
21 center facilities.

22 SECTION 2. Subsection (a), Section 352.101, Tax Code, is
23 amended to read as follows:

24 (a) The revenue from a tax imposed under this chapter by a

1 county having a population of more than 3.3 million may be used only
2 for:

3 (1) the acquisition of sites for and the construction,
4 improvement, enlarging, equipping, repairing, operation, and
5 maintenance of public improvements such as convention center
6 facilities or a convention center complex [~~civic centers, civic~~
7 ~~center buildings, auditoriums, exhibition halls, coliseums,~~] and
8 stadiums, including sports and other facilities that serve the
9 purpose of attracting visitors and tourists to the county, and
10 parking areas or facilities for the parking or storage of motor
11 vehicles or other conveyances, hotels owned by a county or a
12 nonprofit local government corporation sponsored by the county
13 created under Chapter 431, Transportation Code, within 1,000 feet
14 of a convention center or stadium, hotels owned by a municipality or
15 a nonprofit municipally sponsored local government corporation
16 created under Chapter 431, Transportation Code, within 1,000 feet
17 of a convention center owned by a municipality with a population of
18 1,500,000 or more, or a historic hotel owned by a municipality or a
19 nonprofit municipally sponsored local government corporation
20 created under Chapter 431, Transportation Code, within one mile of
21 a convention center owned by a municipality with a population of
22 1,500,000 or more;

23 (2) the furnishing of facilities, personnel, and
24 materials for the registration of convention delegates or
25 registrants; and

26 (3) general promotion and tourist advertising of the
27 county and its vicinity and conducting a solicitation program to

1 attract conventions and visitors, any of which may be conducted by
2 the county or through contracts with persons or organizations
3 selected by the county.

4 SECTION 3. Section 1477.302, Government Code, is amended to
5 read as follows:

6 Sec. 1477.302. AUTHORITY FOR VISITOR OR TOURIST
7 ATTRACTIONS. (a) A county may establish, acquire, lease as lessor
8 or lessee, construct, improve, enlarge, equip, repair, operate, or
9 maintain:

10 (1) a public improvement or facility to attract
11 visitors or tourists to the county, including convention center
12 facilities, a convention center complex, a [civic center, a civic
13 center building, an auditorium, an exhibition hall, a coliseum,]
14 stadium, or other sports facility; or

15 (2) a parking facility located at or in the immediate
16 vicinity of an improvement or facility described by Subdivision (1)
17 to be used in connection with the improvement or facility for
18 off-street parking or storage of motor vehicles or other
19 conveyances.

20 (b) In this section, "convention center facilities" and
21 "convention center complex" have the meanings assigned by Section
22 352.001, Tax Code.

23 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
24 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
25 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
26 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
27 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.