

Amend SB 1131 (house committee report) by adding the following SECTIONS to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS as appropriate:

SECTION __. Subchapter B, Chapter 370, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 370.0311 to read as follows:

Sec. 370.0311. CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES. (a) This section applies to a municipality:

(1) with a population of 5,000 or less; and

(2) in which a ferry system that is a part of the state highway system is located.

(b) A municipality has the same authority as a county under this chapter to create and participate in an authority.

(c) A municipality that creates or participates in an authority has the same powers and duties as a county that creates or participates in an authority under this chapter.

(d) The governing body of a municipality that creates or participates in an authority has the same powers and duties as a commissioners court of a county that creates or participates in an authority under this chapter.

(e) An elected member of the governing body of a municipality that creates or participates in an authority has the same powers and duties as a commissioner of a county that creates or participates in an authority under this chapter.

SECTION __. Section 370.037(h), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(h) An authority may permanently ~~[temporarily]~~ charge a toll for use of a ferry transferred under this section ~~[to pay the costs necessary for an expansion of the ferry. An authority may permanently charge a toll for use of ferry facilities that are an expansion of the ferry transferred under this section]~~. An authority may permanently charge a fee or toll for priority use of ferry facilities under Section 370.193.

SECTION __. Subchapter E, Chapter 370, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 370.193 to read as follows:

Sec. 370.193. PRIORITY BOARDING OF FERRY. An authority may establish a system under which an owner of a motor vehicle may pay an additional fee or toll that entitles the vehicle to have priority

in boarding a ferry operated by the authority.