

By: Smith of Harris

H.B. No. 960

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the authority of a political subdivision to regulate  
3 construction and renovation of structures owned by certain  
4 counties.

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

6 SECTION 1. Chapter 245, Local Government Code, is amended  
7 by adding Section 245.007 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 245.007. CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION WORK ON  
9 COUNTY-OWNED BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES IN CERTAIN COUNTIES. (a)  
10 This section applies only to a building or facility that is owned by  
11 a county with a population of 3.3 million or more and is located  
12 within the boundaries of another political subdivision.

13 (b) A political subdivision may not require a county to  
14 notify the political subdivision or obtain a building permit for  
15 any new construction or any renovation of a building or facility  
16 owned by the county if the construction or renovation work is  
17 supervised and inspected by an engineer or architect licensed in  
18 this state.

19 (c) This section does not exempt a county from complying  
20 with the building standards of the political subdivision during the  
21 construction or renovation of the building or facility.

22 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
23 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
24 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

2 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.