

1-1 By: Smith of Harris (Senate Sponsor - Jackson) H.B. No. 960  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 18, 2005;  
1-3 April 19, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on  
1-4 Intergovernmental Relations; May 18, 2005, reported favorably by  
1-5 the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 18, 2005, sent to  
1-6 printer.)

1-7 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-8 AN ACT

1-9 relating to the authority of a political subdivision to regulate  
1-10 construction and renovation of structures owned by certain  
1-11 counties.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Chapter 245, Local Government Code, is amended  
1-14 by adding Section 245.007 to read as follows:

1-15 Sec. 245.007. CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION WORK ON  
1-16 COUNTY-OWNED BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES IN CERTAIN COUNTIES. (a)  
1-17 This section applies only to a building or facility that is owned by  
1-18 a county with a population of 3.3 million or more and is located  
1-19 within the boundaries of another political subdivision.

1-20 (b) A political subdivision may not require a county to  
1-21 notify the political subdivision or obtain a building permit for  
1-22 any new construction or any renovation of a building or facility  
1-23 owned by the county if the construction or renovation work is  
1-24 supervised and inspected by an engineer or architect licensed in  
1-25 this state.

1-26 (c) This section does not exempt a county from complying  
1-27 with the building standards of the political subdivision during the  
1-28 construction or renovation of the building or facility.

1-29 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-30 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-31 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-32 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-33 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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