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        Nays 0; May 20, 2005, sent to printer.)
        COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 1188
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                                     A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
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                                              AN ACT
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        relating to tax increment financing.
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                BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
                SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 311.005, Tax Code, is
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        amended to read as follows:
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                      To be designated as a reinvestment zone, an area must:
                (a)
                       (1) substantially arrest or impair the sound growth of
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        the municipality creating the zone, retard the provision of housing
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        accommodations, or constitute an economic or social liability and
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        be a menace to the public health, safety, morals, or welfare in its
        present condition and use because of the presence of:

(A) a substantial number of substandard, slum,
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        deteriorated, or deteriorating structures;
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                              (B)
                                    the predominance of defective or inadequate
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        sidewalk or street layout;
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                              (C)
                                                   layout in relation to
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        adequacy, accessibility, or usefulness;
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                              (D) unsanitary or unsafe conditions;
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                              (E)
                                           deterioration
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        improvements;
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                              (F)
                                    tax
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        exceeding the fair value of the land;
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                              (G) defective or unusual conditions of title;
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        [<del>or</del>]
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                              (H)
                                    conditions that endanger life or property by
        fire or other cause; or (I) structures,
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                                                      other
                                                                          single-family
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        residential structures, that have been substantially vacant for at
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        least five years;
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                       (2) be predominantly open and, because of obsolete
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        platting, deterioration of structures or site improvements, or other factors, substantially impair or arrest the sound growth of
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        the municipality; [or]
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                       (3) be in a federally assisted new community located
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         in the municipality or in an area immediately adjacent to a
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        federally assisted new community; or
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                       (5) be an area described in a petition requesting that
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        the area be designated as a reinvestment zone, if the petition is
        submitted to the governing body of the municipality by the owners of property constituting at least 50 percent of the appraised value of
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        the property in the area according to the most recent certified appraisal roll for the county in which the area is located.
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                SECTION 2. Section 311.008, Tax Code, is amended by adding
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        Subsection (e) to read as follows:
        (e) The implementation of a project plan to alleviate a condition described by Section 311.005(a)(1), (2), or (3) and to promote development or redevelopment of a reinvestment zone in accordance with this chapter serves a public purpose.
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                SECTION 3. Section 311.010, Tax Code, is amended by adding
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        Subsection (g) to read as follows:
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(g) Chapter 252, Local Government Code, does not apply to a dedication, pledge, or other use of revenue in the tax increment fund for a reinvestment zone by the board of directors of the zone

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

in carrying out its powers under Subsection (b).

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C.S.H.B. No. 1188 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this 2-1 2-2

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2-4 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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