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S.B. No. 589

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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AN ACT

relating to the authority of a political subdivision to require a building permit for construction and renovation work on county-owned buildings and facilities.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 245, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 245.0051 to read as follows:

Sec. 245.0051. CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION WORK ON COUNTY-OWNED BUILDINGS OR FACILITIES IN CERTAIN COUNTIES.

(a) This section applies only to a county with a population of 3.2 million or more.

(b) A political subdivision is not authorized to require a county to notify the political subdivision or obtain a permit for any new construction or renovation work performed within the limits of the political subdivision by the county on county-owned buildings or facilities if such construction or renovation work is overseen and inspected by a registered professional engineer or architect licensed in this state.

(c) This section does not exempt a county from complying with a political subdivision's standards when performing construction or renovation work.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as 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.