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S.B. No. 1384

Substitute the following for S.B. No. 1384:

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C.S.S.B. No. 1384

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to regional tollway authorities.

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

SECTION 1. Section 201.113, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) An agreement entered into under this section may provide that an improvement of a portion of the state highway system by a regional tollway authority is governed by the provisions of Chapter 366 applicable to the performance of the same function for a turnpike project under that chapter and the rules and procedures adopted by the regional tollway authority under that chapter, in lieu of the laws, rules, or procedures applicable to the department for the performance of the same function.

SECTION 2. Section 361.301, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 361.301. AGREEMENTS WITH PUBLIC ~~[OR PRIVATE]~~ ENTITIES ~~[TO CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN, REPAIR, AND OPERATE TURNPIKE PROJECTS]~~.

(a) The ~~[Notwithstanding Section 361.231 and Subchapter A, Chapter 2254, Government Code, the]~~ department may enter into an agreement with a public ~~[or private]~~ entity~~[, including a toll road corporation,]~~ to permit the entity, independently or jointly with the department, to design, develop, finance, construct, maintain, repair, or ~~[and]~~ operate turnpike projects.

(b) An agreement entered into under this section with a

1 regional tollway authority governed by Chapter 366 may provide that
2 a function described in Subsection (a) that is performed by a
3 regional tollway authority is governed by the provisions of Chapter
4 366 applicable to the performance of the same function for a
5 turnpike project under that chapter and the rules and procedures
6 adopted by the regional tollway authority under that chapter, in
7 lieu of the laws, rules, or procedures applicable to the department
8 for the performance of the same function. ~~[The department may~~
9 ~~authorize the investment of public and private money, including~~
10 ~~debt and equity participation, to finance a function described by~~
11 ~~this section.]~~

12 SECTION 3. Section 366.033, Transportation Code, is amended
13 by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (k) to read as
14 follows:

15 (b) Rules adopted by the authority must be published in a
16 newspaper with general circulation in the area in which the
17 authority is located once each week for two consecutive weeks after
18 adoption of the rule. The notice must contain a condensed statement
19 of the substance of the rule and must advise that a copy of the
20 complete text of the rule is filed in the principal office of the
21 authority where the text may be read by any person. A rule becomes
22 effective 10 days after the date of the second publication of the
23 notice under this subsection ~~[comply with the procedures in~~
24 ~~Subchapter B, Chapter 2001, Government Code, and are subject to~~
25 ~~Section 2001.038, Government Code, except that the action may be~~
26 ~~brought only in a district court of a county located in the~~
27 ~~authority].~~

1 (k) If an authority enters into a contract or agreement to
2 design, finance, construct, operate, maintain, or perform any other
3 function for a turnpike project, system, or improvement authorized
4 by law on behalf of a local governmental entity, the commission, the
5 department, a regional mobility authority, or any other entity, the
6 contract or agreement may provide that the authority, in performing
7 the function, is governed by the applicable provisions of this
8 chapter and the rules and procedures adopted by the authority under
9 this chapter, in lieu of the laws, rules, or procedures applicable
10 to the other party for the performance of the same function.

11 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.