

By: Gonzales

H.B. No. 573

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to providing street lights in a subdivision in the unincorporated area of a county.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 280, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 280.003 to read as follows:

Sec. 280.003. STREET LIGHTS IN SUBDIVISION LOCATED IN COUNTY. (a) This section applies only to the unincorporated area of a county.

(b) The commissioners court of the county may by order provide for the establishment of street lights along a county road located in a subdivision. The order may provide for:

(1) the installation, operation, and maintenance of the street lights by the county or through a contract with another public or private entity;

(2) the imposition of a fee on landowners in the subdivision who benefit from the street lights;

(3) collection of a fee imposed under this subsection by the county or through a contract with another public or private entity; and

(4) any other matter the commissioners court finds necessary to the installation, operation, or maintenance of the street lights.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

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1 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
3 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
4 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.