

1-1 By: Gonzales, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Lucio) H.B. No. 573
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 14, 2007;
1-3 May 15, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Intergovernmental Relations; May 18, 2007, reported favorably by
1-5 the following vote: Yeas 3, Nays 0; May 18, 2007, sent to
1-6 printer.)

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

1-9 relating to providing street lights in a subdivision in the
1-10 unincorporated area of certain counties.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Chapter 280, Transportation Code, is amended by
1-13 adding Section 280.003 to read as follows:

1-14 Sec. 280.003. STREET LIGHTS IN SUBDIVISION LOCATED IN
1-15 CERTAIN COUNTIES. (a) This section applies only to the
1-16 unincorporated area of a county that has any of its territory
1-17 located within 150 miles of an international boundary.

1-18 (b) The commissioners court of the county may by order
1-19 provide for the establishment of street lights along a county road
1-20 located in a subdivision. The order may provide for:

1-21 (1) the installation, operation, and maintenance of
1-22 the street lights by:

1-23 (A) the county; or

1-24 (B) another public or private entity with which
1-25 the county may contract;

1-26 (2) the imposition of a fee on landowners in the
1-27 subdivision who benefit from the street lights;

1-28 (3) collection of a fee imposed under this subsection
1-29 by:

1-30 (A) the county; or

1-31 (B) another public or private entity with which
1-32 the county may contract; and

1-33 (4) any other matter the commissioners court finds
1-34 necessary to the installation, operation, or maintenance of the
1-35 street lights.

1-36 (c) This section does not supersede applicable provisions
1-37 for street light service contained in the tariff of an electric
1-38 utility that provides service to the subdivision.

1-39 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-40 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-41 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-42 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-43 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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