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H.B. No. 1166

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the authority of certain counties to develop a parks and  
3 recreation system under the law governing sports and community  
4 venue projects.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 334, Local Government  
7 Code, is amended by adding Section 334.008 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 334.008. PARKS AND RECREATION SYSTEM AS VENUE PROJECT:  
9 CERTAIN COUNTIES. (a) A county that has a population of less than  
10 2,000 and that contains no incorporated territory of a municipality  
11 may provide for the planning, acquisition, establishment,  
12 development, construction, or renovation of a county parks and  
13 recreation system as a venue project under this chapter.

14 (b) The venue project authorized by Subsection (a)  
15 includes:

16 (1) improvements or additions to the county parks and  
17 recreation system; and

18 (2) an area or facility that is part of the county  
19 parks and recreation system.

20 (c) To the extent that a provision of this chapter,  
21 including Sections 334.024(f), 334.1015, and 334.2515, applies to a  
22 venue project that is a municipal parks and recreation system or  
23 facility, those provisions apply to a venue project authorized by  
24 this section, and references to a municipality are considered

1 references to a county to which this section applies.

2 (d) A county that authorizes a venue project described by  
3 this section maintains the authority granted under this section  
4 even if at a later time a part of the county becomes incorporated in  
5 a municipality.

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