

AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(c) To the extent that a provision of this chapter, including Sections 334.024(f), 334.1015, and 334.2515, applies to a venue project that is a municipal parks and recreation system or facility, those provisions apply to a venue project authorized by 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.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1166 was passed by the House on May 11, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 138, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1166 was passed by the Senate on May 23, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor