

1-1 By: Gallego (Senate Sponsor - Uresti) H.B. No. 1166
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 Business
1-4 and Commerce; May 18, 2007, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 18, 2007, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the authority of certain counties to develop a parks and
1-9 recreation system under the law governing sports and community
1-10 venue projects.

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

1-12 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 334, Local Government
1-13 Code, is amended by adding Section 334.008 to read as follows:

1-14 Sec. 334.008. PARKS AND RECREATION SYSTEM AS VENUE PROJECT:
1-15 CERTAIN COUNTIES. (a) A county that has a population of less than
1-16 2,000 and that contains no incorporated territory of a municipality
1-17 may provide for the planning, acquisition, establishment,
1-18 development, construction, or renovation of a county parks and
1-19 recreation system as a venue project under this chapter.

1-20 (b) The venue project authorized by Subsection (a)
1-21 includes:

1-22 (1) improvements or additions to the county parks and
1-23 recreation system; and

1-24 (2) an area or facility that is part of the county
1-25 parks and recreation system.

1-26 (c) To the extent that a provision of this chapter,
1-27 including Sections 334.024(f), 334.1015, and 334.2515, applies to a
1-28 venue project that is a municipal parks and recreation system or
1-29 facility, those provisions apply to a venue project authorized by
1-30 this section, and references to a municipality are considered
1-31 references to a county to which this section applies.

1-32 (d) A county that authorizes a venue project described by
1-33 this section maintains the authority granted under this section
1-34 even if at a later time a part of the county becomes incorporated in
1-35 a municipality.

1-36 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-37 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-38 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-39 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-40 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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