

1-1 By: Guillen, Raymond (Senate Sponsor - Zaffirini) H.B. No. 1524
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1-3 May 10, 2007, read first time and referred to Subcommittee on
1-4 Emerging Technologies and Economic Development; May 15, 2007,
1-5 rereferred to Committee on Business and Commerce; May 17, 2007,
1-6 reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0;
1-7 May 17, 2007, sent to printer.)

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to sports and community 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 located on an international border
1-16 that has a population of less than 15,000 and that contains no
1-17 incorporated territory of a municipality may provide for the
1-18 planning, acquisition, establishment, development, construction,
1-19 or renovation of a county parks and recreation system as a venue
1-20 project under this chapter.

1-21 (b) The venue project authorized by Subsection (a)
1-22 includes:

1-23 (1) improvements or additions to the county parks and
1-24 recreation system; and

1-25 (2) an area or facility that is part of the county
1-26 parks and recreation system.

1-27 (c) To the extent that a provision of this chapter,
1-28 including Sections 334.024(f), 334.1015, and 334.2515, applies to a
1-29 venue project that is a municipal parks and recreation system or
1-30 facility, those provisions apply to a venue project authorized by
1-31 this section, and references to a municipality are considered
1-32 references to a county to which this section applies.

1-33 (d) A county that authorizes a venue project described by
1-34 this section maintains the authority granted under this section
1-35 even if at a later time a part of the county becomes incorporated in
1-36 a municipality.

1-37 SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 334, Local Government
1-38 Code, is amended by adding Section 334.0242 to read as follows:

1-39 Sec. 334.0242. ELECTION ON USE OF TAXES TO IMPROVE OR
1-40 MAINTAIN VENUE PROJECT. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (e),
1-41 if one or more methods of financing have been approved at an
1-42 election held under Section 334.024, the governing body of the
1-43 municipality or county imposing the method may order an election on
1-44 the question of approving the use of revenue derived from one or
1-45 more approved methods to finance a related venue project.

1-46 (b) The ballot at the election held under this section must
1-47 be printed to permit voting for or against the proposition:

1-48 "Authorizing _____ (insert name of municipality or
1-49 county) to use an amount not to exceed _____ (insert
1-50 percentage of tax revenue or dollar amount of revenue to be used for
1-51 each type of tax) of the revenue derived from the _____ (insert
1-52 each type of tax) tax, to finance the _____ (describe the
1-53 related venue project and its relation to the previously approved
1-54 venue project)."

1-55 (c) If a majority of the votes cast at an election held under
1-56 this section approve the proposition, the municipality or county
1-57 may use the revenue to finance the related venue project described
1-58 in the proposition.

1-59 (d) At an election held under this section, the municipality
1-60 or county may not change the rate of the tax or the method of
1-61 financing previously authorized under Section 334.024.

1-62 (e) This section does not authorize the municipality or
1-63 county to use revenue from a hotel occupancy tax under Subchapter H.

1-64 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

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

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