By: Hill (Senate Sponsor - Shapiro)

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AN ACT

relating to the designation of an area in a municipality as a reinvestment zone under the Tax Increment Financing Act.

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

SECTION 1. Section 311.005, Tax Code, is amended by adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), if the proposed project plan for a potential zone includes the use of land in the zone in connection with the operation of an existing or proposed regional commuter or mass transit rail system, or for a structure or facility that is necessary, useful, or beneficial to such a regional rail system, the governing body of a municipality may designate an area as a reinvestment zone.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

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

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