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H.B. No. 2514

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the creation of an arts and entertainment district by a populous municipality.

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

SECTION 1. Subtitle A, Title 10, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Chapter 309 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 309. ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICTS

Sec. 309.001. ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICTS. (a) A municipality with a population of more than one million may designate a defined area in the municipality as an arts and entertainment district to develop a public and private collaboration that plays a vital role in the cultural life and development of the community in the district.

(b) The municipality shall develop the area in the district so that it contributes to the public through interpretive, educational, and recreational uses.

(c) The municipality may solicit grants and donations for the development of the district.

(d) The municipality may provide incentives to persons to develop the area in the district for public purposes.

(e) The municipality may provide tax breaks to persons in the district to develop the district for public purposes.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

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1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
3 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.