

1 AN ACT

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

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

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

7 CHAPTER 309. ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICTS

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

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

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

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

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

23 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
24 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.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2514 was passed by the House on April 19, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 142, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2514 was passed by the Senate on May 17, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor