

1-1 By: McClendon (Senate Sponsor - West) H.B. No. 2514
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 23, 2007;
1-3 April 26, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Intergovernmental Relations; May 7, 2007, reported favorably by
1-5 the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 7, 2007, sent to printer.)

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

1-8 relating to the creation of an arts and entertainment district by a
1-9 populous municipality.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Subtitle A, Title 10, Local Government Code, is
1-12 amended by adding Chapter 309 to read as follows:

1-13 CHAPTER 309. ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICTS

1-14 Sec. 309.001. ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICTS. (a) A
1-15 municipality with a population of more than one million may
1-16 designate a defined area in the municipality as an arts and
1-17 entertainment district to develop a public and private
1-18 collaboration that plays a vital role in the cultural life and
1-19 development of the community in the district.

1-20 (b) The municipality shall develop the area in the district
1-21 so that it contributes to the public through interpretive,
1-22 educational, and recreational uses.

1-23 (c) The municipality may solicit grants and donations for
1-24 the development of the district.

1-25 (d) The municipality may provide incentives to persons to
1-26 develop the area in the district for public purposes.

1-27 (e) The municipality may provide tax breaks to persons in
1-28 the district to develop the district for public purposes.

1-29 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-30 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-31 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-32 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-33 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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