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H.B. No. 2991

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the control of access to highways within certain
3 counties.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 251, Transportation Code,
6 is amended by adding Section 251.0165 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 251.0165. CONTROL OF ACCESS WITHIN CERTAIN COUNTIES.

8 (a) Except as limited by Section 203.032, a county with a
9 population of 3.3 million or more or a county adjacent to a county
10 with a population of 3.3 million or more, by resolution or order,
11 may:

12 (1) deny access to or from a controlled access highway
13 within the county and outside the limits of a municipality,
14 including a state highway, from or to adjoining public or private
15 real property and from or to a public or private way intersecting
16 the highway, except at specific locations designated by the county;
17 and

18 (2) designate locations on a controlled access highway
19 within the county and outside the limits of a municipality,
20 including a state highway, at which access to or from the highway is
21 permitted and determine the type and extent of access permitted at
22 each location.

23 (b) This section does not apply to the placement of or
24 access to a utility facility in or near a highway right-of-way.

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