

1-1 By: Murphy (Senate Sponsor - Williams) H.B. No. 2991
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 9, 2007;
1-3 May 10, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Transportation and Homeland Security; May 18, 2007, reported
1-5 favorably by the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 18, 2007, sent
1-6 to printer.)

1-7 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-8 AN ACT

1-9 relating to the control of access to highways within certain
1-10 counties.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 251, Transportation Code,
1-13 is amended by adding Section 251.0165 to read as follows:

1-14 Sec. 251.0165. CONTROL OF ACCESS WITHIN CERTAIN COUNTIES.

1-15 (a) Except as limited by Section 203.032, a county with a
1-16 population of 3.3 million or more or a county adjacent to a county
1-17 with a population of 3.3 million or more, by resolution or order,
1-18 may:

1-19 (1) deny access to or from a controlled access highway
1-20 within the county and outside the limits of a municipality,
1-21 including a state highway, from or to adjoining public or private
1-22 real property and from or to a public or private way intersecting
1-23 the highway, except at specific locations designated by the county;
1-24 and

1-25 (2) designate locations on a controlled access highway
1-26 within the county and outside the limits of a municipality,
1-27 including a state highway, at which access to or from the highway is
1-28 permitted and determine the type and extent of access permitted at
1-29 each location.

1-30 (b) This section does not apply to the placement of or
1-31 access to a utility facility in or near a highway right-of-way.

1-32 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-33 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-34 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-35 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-36 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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