

AN ACT

relating to international toll bridges in certain counties.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 364, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 364.0001 to read as follows:

Sec. 364.0001. DEFINITION. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), in this chapter, "bridge" includes a bridge used by vehicles, pedestrians, or railroads, or a combination of vehicles, pedestrians, or railroads.

(b) For the purposes of this chapter, "bridge" does not include a railroad bridge in a county with a population of more than 675,000.

SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 364, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 364.004 to read as follows:

Sec. 364.004. AGREEMENTS RELATING TO TOLL BRIDGE. (a) A county may enter into and make payments under an agreement with a private entity or another governmental entity to acquire, construct, maintain, or operate a toll bridge, including an international toll bridge, and a private or governmental entity in this state may enter into an agreement with a county for that purpose.

(b) In connection with or in support of an agreement entered into under Subsection (a), the county may enter into a lease, an operating agreement, a service agreement, a license agreement, a

1 franchise agreement, or a similar agreement with a private entity
2 or another governmental entity.

3 (c) This section does not apply to a county with a
4 population of more than 675,000.

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 893 passed the Senate on April 12, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; May 9, 2007, Senate refused to concur in House amendment and requested appointment of Conference Committee; May 14, 2007, House granted request of the Senate; May 17, 2007, Senate adopted Conference Committee Report by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 893 passed the House, with amendment, on May 2, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 147, Nays 0, two present not voting; May 14, 2007, House granted request of the Senate for appointment of Conference Committee; May 18, 2007, House adopted Conference Committee Report by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, one present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor