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S.B. No. 893

Substitute the following for S.B. No. 893:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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AN ACT

relating to international railroad 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. In this chapter, "bridge" includes a bridge used by vehicles, pedestrians, or railroads, or a combination of vehicles, pedestrians, or railroads.

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

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

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