

1-1 By: Zaffirini S.B. No. 893
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 26, 2007; March 7, 2007,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Transportation and
1-4 Homeland Security; March 27, 2007, reported adversely, with
1-5 favorable Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 8,
1-6 Nays 0; March 27, 2007, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 893 By: Brimer

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to international toll bridges in certain counties.

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

1-12 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 364, Transportation Code,
1-13 is amended by adding Section 364.0001 to read as follows:

1-14 Sec. 364.0001. DEFINITION. (a) Except as provided by
1-15 Subsection (b), in this chapter, "bridge" includes a bridge used by
1-16 vehicles, pedestrians, or railroads, or a combination of vehicles,
1-17 pedestrians, or railroads.

1-18 (b) For the purposes of this chapter, "bridge" does not
1-19 include a railroad bridge in a county with a population of more than
1-20 675,000.

1-21 SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 364, Transportation Code,
1-22 is amended by adding Section 364.004 to read as follows:

1-23 Sec. 364.004. AGREEMENTS RELATING TO TOLL BRIDGE. (a) A
1-24 county may enter into and make payments under an agreement with a
1-25 private entity or another governmental entity to acquire,
1-26 construct, maintain, or operate a toll bridge, including an
1-27 international toll bridge, and a private or governmental entity in
1-28 this state may enter into an agreement with a county for that
1-29 purpose.

1-30 (b) In connection with or in support of an agreement entered
1-31 into under Subsection (a), the county may enter into a lease, an
1-32 operating agreement, a service agreement, a license agreement, a
1-33 franchise agreement, or a similar agreement with a private entity
1-34 or another governmental entity.

1-35 (c) This section does not apply to a county with a
1-36 population of more than 675,000.

1-37 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-38 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-39 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-40 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-41 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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