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H.B. No. 347

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the establishment of railroad quiet zones outside the  
3 boundaries of certain municipalities.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 311, Transportation Code,  
6 is amended by adding Section 311.054 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 311.054. RAILROAD QUIET ZONE LOCATED OUTSIDE TYPE A  
8 GENERAL-LAW MUNICIPALITY. (a) This section applies only to a Type  
9 A general-law municipality that is an enclave surrounded entirely  
10 by a municipality with a population of 1.1 million or more.

11 (b) The governing body of the general-law municipality may  
12 enter into an interlocal contract with the surrounding municipality  
13 for the establishment of a railroad quiet zone located outside the  
14 boundaries of the general-law municipality that the governing body  
15 determines will benefit the general-law municipality.

16 (c) A general-law municipality may expend municipal funds  
17 and may issue certificates of obligation or bonds to pay for  
18 expenses associated with a railroad quiet zone under Subsection  
19 (b), including expenses related to feasibility, engineering, and  
20 traffic studies and improvements related to the railroad quiet  
21 zone.

22 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
23 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
24 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

2 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.