1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 2032   By: Harris

1-8   A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9   AN ACT
1-10 relating to the authority of certain municipalities to use tax
1-11 revenue for certain venue projects.
1-12   BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
1-13   SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 334, Local Government
1-14 Code, is amended by adding Section 334.0082 to read as follows:
1-15   Sec. 334.0082. VENUE PROJECTS IN CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES.
1-16 (a) This section applies only to a municipality that has a
1-17 population of at least 176,000, that borders the Rio Grande, and
1-18 that approved a sports and community venue project before January
1-19 1, 2009.
1-20   (b) Notwithstanding any other law, including Section
1-21 334.089, after complying with Section 334.022, a municipality to
1-22 which this section applies may hold an election under Section
1-23 334.024 on the question of approving and implementing a resolution
1-24 to:
1-25   (1) authorize the municipality to plan, acquire,
1-26 establish, develop, construct, or renovate a convention center and
1-27 related infrastructure in the city limits of the municipality as
1-28 part of an existing or previously approved sports and community
1-29 venue project, regardless of whether the convention center is
1-30 located on the premises of the existing or previously approved
1-31 venue project;
1-32   (2) impose a tax under Subchapter H at a rate not to
1-33 exceed two percent of the cost of a room; and
1-34   (3) authorize the municipality to finance, operate,
1-35 and maintain the venue project described by Subdivision (1),
1-36 including the convention center, using the revenue from any taxes
1-37 imposed by the municipality under this chapter, including taxes
1-38 previously approved in relation to the existing or previously
1-39 approved venue project.
1-40   (c) If the resolution is approved by a majority of the votes
1-41 cast in the election, the municipality may implement the
1-42 resolution.
1-43   SECTION 2. Section 334.2516(a), Local Government Code, is
1-44 amended to read as follows:
1-45   (a) This section applies only to a municipality that:
1-46   (1) is located in three counties;
1-47   (2) has a population of less than 130,000 as shown by
1-48 the 2000 federal decennial census [120,000]; and
1-49   (3) acquires by purchase or lease with a term of not
1-50 less than 20 years an interest in real property that by the terms of
1-51 the acquisition is required to be maintained as park property.
1-52   SECTION 3. Section 351.001(7), Tax Code, is amended to read
1-53 as follows:
1-54   (7) "Eligible central municipality" means a
1-55 municipality with a population of more than 140,000 [440,000] but
1-56 less than 1.5 million that is located in a county with a population
1-57 of one million or more and that has adopted a capital improvement
1-58 plan for the expansion of an existing convention center facility.
1-59   SECTION 4. Section 1504.003(a), Government Code, is amended
1-60 to read as follows:
1-61   (a) Bonds issued under this subchapter must be secured by a
1-62 pledge of and be payable from all or a designated part of the
1-63 revenue from the facility for which the bonds are issued or from

2-1 additional sources made available by the municipality for that
2-2 purpose, as provided in the ordinance authorizing or approving the
2-3 issuance of the bonds.
2-4   SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-5 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-6 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-7 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-8 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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