

1-1 By: Smith of Harris (Senate Sponsor - Williams) H.B. No. 2433  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 1, 2009;  
1-3 April 7, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on  
1-4 Transportation and Homeland Security; April 17, 2009, reported  
1-5 adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute by the following  
1-6 vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; April 17, 2009, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 2433 By: Wentworth

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

1-10 relating to the powers of certain freight rail districts.

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

1-12 SECTION 1. Section 171.053, Transportation Code, is amended  
1-13 to read as follows:

1-14 Sec. 171.053. INTERMUNICIPAL COMMUTER RAIL DISTRICT  
1-15 POWERS. The governing bodies of the county or counties and of the  
1-16 most populous municipality in the most populous county may provide  
1-17 that the district may exercise the powers of an intermunicipal  
1-18 commuter rail district created under Article 6550c-1, Revised  
1-19 Statutes, including the powers related to a commuter rail facility  
1-20 and other types of passenger rail services, including intercity  
1-21 rail services, by specifying in the concurrent order or ordinance  
1-22 creating the district that those powers may be exercised by the  
1-23 district.

1-24 SECTION 2. Subchapter F, Chapter 171, Transportation Code,  
1-25 is amended by adding Section 171.256 to read as follows:

1-26 Sec. 171.256. LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCING. (a) Section  
1-27 8(d), Article 6550c-1, Revised Statutes, relating to the limit on  
1-28 payments made by a local government does not apply to a district to  
1-29 which Section 171.053 applies.

1-30 (b) A district to which Section 171.053 applies may use  
1-31 money paid to the district by a local government outside the  
1-32 territory of the local government if the money is used for a public  
1-33 purpose of the local government.

1-34 (c) A district to which Section 171.053 applies may pledge  
1-35 money paid to the district by a local government to secure the  
1-36 payment of a district debt.

1-37 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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