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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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AN ACT

2 relating to the term of a reinvestment zone and to the assessment 3 and payment of tax increments under the Tax Increment Financing 4 Act.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 311.012, Tax Code, is 7 amended to read as follows:

8 (a) The amount of a taxing unit's tax increment for a year is 9 the amount of property taxes <u>assessed and</u> levied [and collected] by 10 the unit for that year on the captured appraised value of real 11 property taxable by the unit and located in a reinvestment zone.

SECTION 2. Subsections (c) and (i), Section 311.013, Tax Code, are amended to read as follows:

14 (c) <u>Notwithstanding any termination of the reinvestment</u> 15 <u>zone under Section 311.017(a), a</u> [A] taxing unit shall make a 16 payment required by Subsection (b) not later than the 90th day after 17 the delinquency date for the unit's property taxes. A delinquent 18 payment incurs a penalty of five percent of the amount delinquent 19 and accrues interest at an annual rate of 10 percent.

(i) Notwithstanding Subsection (c) <u>and Section 311.012(a)</u>,
a taxing unit is not required to pay into a tax increment fund the
applicable portion of a tax increment attributable to delinquent
taxes until those taxes are collected.

24 SECTION 3. Section 311.017, Tax Code, is amended by amending

1 Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

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(a) A reinvestment zone terminates on the earlier of:

3 (1) the termination date designated in the ordinance 4 or order, as applicable, creating the zone or an earlier <u>or later</u> 5 termination date designated by an ordinance or order adopted 6 subsequent to the ordinance or order creating the zone; or

7 (2) the date on which all project costs, tax increment
8 bonds and interest on those bonds, and other obligations have been
9 paid in full.

(a-1) Notwithstanding the designation of a 10 later termination date under Subsection (a), a taxing unit that taxes 11 real property located in the reinvestment zone, other than the 12 13 municipality or county that created the zone, is not required to pay any of its tax increment into the tax increment fund for the zone 14 after the termination date designated in the ordinance or order 15 16 creating the zone unless the governing body of the taxing unit enters into an agreement to do so with the governing body of the 17 municipality or county that created the zone. 18

SECTION 4. The legislature validates and confirms all 19 (a) 20 governmental acts and proceedings of a municipality or county that were taken before the effective date of this Act and relate to or 21 are associated with the extension of the term of a reinvestment zone 22 created by the municipality or county under Chapter 311, Tax Code, 23 as of the dates on which they occurred. The acts and proceedings 24 25 may not be held invalid because they were not in accordance with Chapter 311, Tax Code, or other law. 26

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(b) Subsection (a) of this section does not apply to any

1 matter that on the effective date of this Act:

2 (1) is involved in litigation if the litigation
3 ultimately results in the matter being held invalid by a final
4 judgment of a court; or

5 (2) has been held invalid by a final judgment of a 6 court.

7 SECTION 5. This Act applies only to a taxing unit's tax 8 increment for a period occurring on or after the effective date of 9 this Act. A taxing unit's tax increment for a period occurring 10 before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in 11 effect for such period, and the former law is continued in effect 12 for that purpose.

13 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives 14 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as 15 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this 16 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this 17 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 Amend S.B. 313 No. by striking all below the enacting clause 3 and substituting the following:

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4 SECTION 1. Section 311.002(1), Tax Code, is amended to read 5 as follows:

(1)"Project costs" means the expenditures made or 6 7 estimated to be made and monetary obligations incurred or estimated incurred by the municipality or county designating 8 to be 9 [establishing] a reinvestment zone that are listed in the project plan as costs of public works, [or] public improvements, programs, 10 11 or other projects benefiting [in] the zone, plus other costs incidental to those expenditures and obligations. "Project costs" 12 13 include:

capital costs, including the actual costs of 14 (A) 15 acquisition and construction of public works, the public 16 improvements, new buildings, structures, and fixtures; the actual costs of the acquisition, demolition, alteration, remodeling, 17 repair, or reconstruction of existing buildings, structures, and 18 fixtures; the actual costs of the remediation of conditions that 19 contaminate public or private land or buildings; the actual costs 20 of the preservation of the facade of a public or private building; 21 the actual costs of the demolition of public or private buildings; 22 and the actual costs of the acquisition of land and equipment and 23 24 the clearing and grading of land;

(B) financing costs, including all interest paid
to holders of evidences of indebtedness or other obligations issued
to pay for project costs and any premium paid over the principal

1 amount of the obligations because of the redemption of the 2 obligations before maturity;

3 (C) real property assembly costs;

4 (D) professional service costs, including those
5 incurred for architectural, planning, engineering, and legal
6 advice and services;

7 (E) imputed administrative costs, including 8 reasonable charges for the time spent by employees of the 9 municipality or county in connection with the implementation of a 10 project plan;

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(F) relocation costs;

12 (G) organizational costs, including the costs of 13 conducting environmental impact studies or other studies, the cost 14 of publicizing the creation of the zone, and the cost of 15 implementing the project plan for the zone;

16 (H) interest before and during construction and 17 for one year after completion of construction, whether or not 18 capitalized;

(I) the cost of operating the reinvestment zoneand project facilities;

(J) the amount of any contributions made by the municipality or county from general revenue for the implementation of the project plan; [and]

24 (K) the costs of a program described by Section
 25 <u>311.010(h);</u>
 26 (L) the costs of school buildings, other

27 educational buildings, other educational facilities, or other

buildings owned by or on behalf of a school district, community 1 2 college district, or other political subdivision of this state; (M) the costs of providing affordable housing or 3 4 areas of public assembly in or outside of the zone; and 5 (N) payments made at the discretion of the governing body of the municipality or county that the governing 6 7 body finds necessary or convenient to the creation of the zone or to the implementation of the project plans for the zone. 8 9 SECTION 2. Sections 311.003(a) and (b), Tax Code, are amended to read as follows: 10 11 (a) The governing body of a county by order may designate a geographic area in the county or the governing body of a 12 13 municipality by ordinance [or the governing body of a county by 14 order] may designate a [contiguous] geographic area that is in the corporate limits of the municipality, in the extraterritorial 15 16 jurisdiction of the municipality, or in both [in the jurisdiction of the municipality or county] to be a reinvestment zone to promote 17 development or redevelopment of the area if the governing body 18 determines that development or redevelopment would not occur solely 19 20 through private investment in the reasonably foreseeable future. The area need not be contiguous if the governing body determines 21 22 that the tracts included in the area are substantially related. The designation of an area that is wholly or partly located in the 23 24 extraterritorial jurisdiction of a municipality is not affected by 25 a subsequent annexation of real property in the reinvestment zone by the municipality. The tax increment base of a municipality that 26 27 annexes an area in a zone after the area is included in the zone is

computed as if the area were located in the corporate limits of the
 municipality at the time the area was included in the zone.

3 (b) Before adopting an ordinance or order <u>designating</u> 4 [providing for] a reinvestment zone, the governing body of the 5 municipality or county must prepare a preliminary reinvestment zone 6 financing plan. [As soon as the plan is completed, a copy of the 7 plan must be sent to the governing body of each taxing unit that 8 levies taxes on real property in the proposed zone.]

9 SECTION 3. Chapter 311, Tax Code, is amended by adding
10 Section 311.0035 to read as follows:

11 Sec. 311.0035. PROCEDURE FOR DESIGNATING JOINT REINVESTMENT ZONE. (a) The governing bodies of two or more 12 13 municipalities by ordinance adopted by each municipality may designate a contiguous area in the jurisdiction of each of the 14 municipalities to be a joint reinvestment zone. Except as otherwise 15 provided by this section, each of the municipalities must follow 16 the procedures provided by Section 311.003 to designate an area as a 17 joint reinvestment zone. The ordinances adopted by all of the 18 municipalities designating an area as a joint reinvestment zone 19 20 must contain the same terms and must:

21 (1) describe the boundaries of the zone with 22 sufficient definiteness to identify with ordinary and reasonable 23 certainty the territory included in the zone;

24 (2) create a board of directors for the zone and

25 <u>specify</u>:

- 26 (A) the number of directors;
- 27 (B) the qualifications of directors;

S.B. No. 313 (C) the manner in which directors are appointed; 1 2 (D) the terms of directors; 3 (E) the manner in which vacancies on the board 4 are filled; and 5 (F) the manner by which officers of the board are 6 selected; (3) provide that the zone takes effect immediately on 7 adoption of the ordinance by the last of the municipalities in the 8 9 jurisdiction of which the area contained in the zone is located; 10 (4) provide a termination date for the zone; 11 (5) assign a name to the zone, which may include the name of one or more of the designating municipalities and may 12 13 contain a number; 14 (6) establish a tax increment fund for the zone; and 15 (7) contain findings that: 16 (A) improvements in the zone will significantly enhance the value of all taxable real property in the zone and will 17 18 be of general benefit to the municipalities; and (B) the area meets the requirements of Sections 19 20 311.005(a)(1) and (2) and (a-1). (b) For purposes of complying with Subsection (a)(7)(A), 21 22 the ordinances are not required to identify the specific parcels of 23 real property to be enhanced in value. (c) The boundaries of a joint reinvestment zone may be 24 25 enlarged or reduced by ordinance of the governing bodies of the municipalities that designated the zone, subject to the 26 27 restrictions contained in this section.

1 (d) The municipalities designating a joint reinvestment 2 zone may exercise any power necessary and convenient to carry out 3 this section and the other provisions of this chapter, including 4 the powers listed in Section 311.008.

5 (e) Except as otherwise provided by this section, the board of directors of a joint reinvestment zone has the same powers and 6 7 duties and is subject to the same limitations as the board of directors of a reinvestment zone designated by a single 8 municipality. Sections 311.011, 311.012, 311.0123, 311.013, 9 311.014, 311.015, 311.016, 311.0163, and 311.018 apply to the 10 11 municipalities designating a joint reinvestment zone, except that a reference in those sections to a municipality means all of the 12 13 municipalities designating a joint reinvestment zone and an action required of a municipality under those sections is considered to be 14 required of all of the municipalities designating a joint 15 reinvestment zone. 16

17 (f) Expenditures from tax increment financing funds or 18 bonds secured by tax increment financing may be made without regard 19 to the location from which the funds were derived or the location 20 within the joint reinvestment zone at which the funds are spent, but 21 only if those expenditures are authorized as required by this 22 chapter.

23 SECTION 4. Section 311.005(a), Tax Code, is amended to read 24 as follows:

(a) To be designated as a reinvestment zone, an area must:
(1) substantially arrest or impair the sound growth of
the municipality or county <u>designating</u> [creating] the zone, retard

1 the provision of housing accommodations, or constitute an economic 2 or social liability and be a menace to the public health, safety, 3 morals, or welfare in its present condition and use because of the 4 presence of:

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5 (A) a substantial number of substandard, slum,
6 deteriorated, or deteriorating structures;

7 (B) the predominance of defective or inadequate8 sidewalk or street layout;

9 (C) faulty lot layout in relation to size, 10 adequacy, accessibility, or usefulness;

11 (D) unsanitary or unsafe conditions; 12 (E) the deterioration of site or other 13 improvements;

14 (F) tax or special assessment delinquency15 exceeding the fair value of the land;

16 (G) defective or unusual conditions of title;

17 (H) conditions that endanger life or property by18 fire or other cause; or

(I) structures, other than single-family residential structures, less than 10 percent of the square footage of which has been used for commercial, industrial, or residential purposes during the preceding 12 years, if the municipality has a population of 100,000 or more;

(2) be predominantly open, <u>undeveloped</u>, or
 <u>underdeveloped</u> and, because of obsolete platting, deterioration of
 structures or site improvements, or other factors, substantially
 impair or arrest the sound growth of the municipality or county;

(3) be in a federally assisted new community located
 in the municipality or county or in an area immediately adjacent to
 a federally assisted new community; or

4 (4) be an area described in a petition requesting that 5 the area be designated as a reinvestment zone, if the petition is 6 submitted to the governing body of the municipality or county by the 7 owners of property constituting at least 50 percent of the 8 appraised value of the property in the area according to the most 9 recent certified appraisal roll for the county in which the area is 10 located.

11 SECTION 5. Section 311.007, Tax Code, is amended to read as 12 follows:

Sec. 311.007. CHANGING BOUNDARIES <u>OR TERM</u> OF EXISTING ZONE. (a) <u>The</u> [Subject to the limitations provided by Section 311.006, <u>if applicable, the</u>] boundaries of an existing reinvestment zone may be reduced or enlarged by ordinance or resolution of the governing body of the municipality or by order or resolution of the governing body of the county that <u>designated</u> [created] the zone.

The governing body of the municipality or county that 19 (b) 20 designated a reinvestment zone by ordinance or resolution or by order or resolution, respectively, may extend the term of all or a 21 portion of the zone after notice and hearing in the manner provided 22 for the designation of the zone. A taxing unit other than the 23 24 municipality or county that designated the zone is not required to 25 participate in the zone or portion of the zone for the extended term unless the taxing unit enters into a written agreement to do so [may 26 27 enlarge an existing reinvestment zone to include an area described

in a petition requesting that the area be included in the zone if 1 the petition is submitted to the governing body of the municipality 2 or county by the owners of property constituting at least 50 percent 3 of the appraised value of the property in the area according to the 4 most recent certified appraisal roll for the county in which the 5 area is located. The composition of the board of directors of the 6 7 zone continues to be governed by Section 311.009(a) or (b), whichever applied to the zone immediately before the enlargement of 8 9 the zone, except that the membership of the board must conform to the requirements of the applicable subsection of Section 311.009 as 10 11 applied to the zone after its enlargement. The provision of Section 311.006(b) relating to the amount of property used for residential 12 purposes that may be included in the zone does not apply to the 13 enlargement of a zone under this subsection]. 14

15 SECTION 6. Section 311.008, Tax Code, is amended by 16 amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsections (f) and (g) to read 17 as follows:

18 (b) A municipality or county may exercise any power 19 necessary and convenient to carry out this chapter, including the 20 power to:

(1) cause project plans to be prepared, approve and
implement the plans, and otherwise achieve the purposes of the
plan;

(2) acquire real property by purchase, condemnation,
or other means [to implement project plans] and sell real [that]
property, on the terms and conditions and in the manner it considers
advisable, to implement project plans;

1 enter into agreements, including agreements with (3) 2 bondholders, determined by the governing body of the municipality or county to be necessary or convenient to implement project plans 3 4 and achieve their purposes, which agreements may include conditions, restrictions, or covenants that run with the land or 5 that by other means regulate or restrict the use of land; and 6

consistent with the project plan for the zone: blighted, 8 (A) acquire deteriorated, deteriorating, undeveloped, or inappropriately developed real 9 property or other property in a blighted area or in a federally 10 11 assisted new community in the zone for the preservation or restoration of historic sites, beautification or conservation, the 12 13 provision of public works or public facilities, or other public 14 purposes;

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15 (B) acquire, construct, reconstruct, or install 16 public works, facilities, or sites or other public improvements, including utilities, streets, street lights, water and sewer 17 facilities, pedestrian malls and walkways, parks, flood and 18 drainage facilities, or parking facilities, but not including 19 educational facilities; or 20

in a reinvestment zone created on or before 21 (C) September 1, 1999, acquire, construct, or reconstruct educational 22 facilities in the municipality. 23

(f) The governing body of a municipality or county may 24 25 impose a fee: (1) on property owners who submit a petition under 26

27 Section 311.005(a)(4) for processing the petition; or

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1	(2) for reviewing a project designated or proposed to
2	be designated under this chapter.
3	(g) A fee under Subsection (f) must be reasonably related to
4	the estimated cost to the municipality or county of processing the
5	petition or reviewing the project, respectively.
6	SECTION 7. Section 311.0085(a), Tax Code, is amended to
7	read as follows:
8	(a) This section applies only to a municipality <u>with a</u>
9	population of less than 130,000 as shown by the 2000 federal
10	decennial census that has[+
11	[(1)] territory in three counties[; and
12	[(2) a population of less than 120,000].
13	SECTION 8. Sections 311.009(a), (b), and (e), Tax Code, are
14	amended to read as follows:
15	(a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), the board of
16	directors of a reinvestment zone consists of at least five and not
17	more than 15 members, unless more than 15 members are required to
18	satisfy the requirements of this subsection. Each taxing unit other
19	than the municipality or county that <u>designated</u> [created] the zone
20	that levies taxes on real property in the zone may appoint one
21	member of the board if the taxing unit has approved the payment of
22	all or part of the tax increment produced by the unit into the tax
23	increment fund for the zone. A unit may waive its right to appoint a
24	director. The governing body of the municipality or county that
25	designated [created] the zone may appoint not more than 10
26	directors to the board; except that if there are fewer than five
27	directors appointed by taxing units other than the municipality or

1 county, the governing body of the municipality or county may 2 appoint more than 10 members as long as the total membership of the 3 board does not exceed 15.

4 (b) If the zone was designated under Section 311.005(a)(4), the governing body of the municipality or county that designated 5 the zone may provide that the board of directors of the zone 6 7 consists of nine members appointed as provided by this subsection, unless more than nine members are required to comply with this 8 9 subsection. Each taxing unit [school district, county, or municipality], other than the municipality or county that 10 11 designated [created] the zone, that levies taxes on real property in the zone may appoint one member of the board if the taxing unit 12 13 [school district, county, or municipality] has approved the payment of all or part of the tax increment produced by the unit into the tax 14 15 increment fund for the zone. The member of the state senate in whose 16 district the zone is located is a member of the board, and the member of the state house of representatives in whose district the 17 zone is located is a member of the board, except that either may 18 designate another individual to serve in the member's place at the 19 pleasure of the member. If the zone is located in more than one 20 senate or house district, this subsection applies only to the 21 senator or representative in whose district a larger portion of the 22 zone is located than any other senate or house district, 23 as applicable. If fewer than seven taxing units, other than the 24 25 municipality or county that designated the zone, are eligible to appoint members of the board of directors of the zone, the 26 27 municipality or county may appoint a number of members of the board

such that the board comprises nine members. If at least seven taxing 1 2 units, other than the municipality or county that designated the zone, are eligible to appoint members of the board of directors of 3 the zone, the municipality or county may appoint one member. [The 4 remaining members of the board are appointed by the governing body 5 of the municipality or county that created the zone.] 6 7 (e) To be eligible for appointment to the board by the governing body of the municipality or county that designated 8 9 [created] the zone, an individual must: 10 (1)if the board is covered by Subsection (a): 11 (A) be a resident of this state and a citizen of the United States [qualified voter of the municipality or county, 12 13 as applicable]; and [or] (B) be at least 18 years of age [and own real 14 15 property in the zone, whether or not the individual resides in the 16 municipality or county]; or 17 if the board is covered by Subsection (b): (2) 18 (A) be at least 18 years of age; and own real property in the zone or be an 19 (B) 20 employee, tenant, or agent of a person that owns real property in the zone. 21 22 SECTION 9. Section 311.0091, Tax Code, is amended by amending Subsection (f) and adding Subsection (i) to read as 23 24 follows: 25 (f) Except as provided by Subsection (i), to [To] be eligible for appointment to the board, an individual must: 26 27 (1) be a qualified voter of the municipality; or

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1 (2) be at least 18 years of age and own real property 2 in the zone or be an employee or agent of a person that owns real 3 property in the zone.

4 (i) The eligibility criteria for appointment to the board
5 specified by Subsection (f) do not apply to an individual appointed
6 by a conservation and reclamation district:

7 (1) created under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas
8 Constitution; and

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(2) the jurisdiction of which covers four counties.

10 SECTION 10. Sections 311.010(b), (g), and (h), Tax Code, 11 are amended to read as follows:

The board of directors of a reinvestment zone and the 12 (b) 13 governing body of the municipality or county that designates [creates] a reinvestment zone may each enter into agreements as the 14 15 board or the governing body considers necessary or convenient to 16 implement the project plan and reinvestment zone financing plan and achieve their purposes. An agreement may provide for the regulation 17 or restriction of the use of land by imposing conditions, 18 restrictions, or covenants that run with the land. An agreement may 19 20 during the term of the agreement dedicate, pledge, or otherwise provide for the use of revenue in the tax increment fund to pay any 21 project costs that benefit the reinvestment zone, including project 22 costs relating to the cost of buildings, schools, or other 23 educational facilities owned by or on behalf of a school district, 24 25 community college district, or other political subdivision of this state, railroad or transit facilities, affordable housing, the 26 27 remediation of conditions that contaminate public or private land

or buildings, the preservation of the facade of a private or public 1 2 building, [or] the demolition of public or private buildings, or 3 the construction of a road, sidewalk, or other public infrastructure in or out of the zone, including the cost of 4 acquiring the real property necessary for the construction of the 5 road, sidewalk, or other public infrastructure. An agreement may 6 7 dedicate revenue from the tax increment fund to pay the costs of providing affordable housing or areas of public assembly in or out 8 9 of the zone. [An agreement may dedicate revenue from the tax 10 increment fund to pay a neighborhood enterprise association for 11 providing services or carrying out projects authorized under Subchapters E and C, Chapter 2303, Government Code, in the zone. The 12 13 term of an agreement with a neighborhood enterprise association may 14 not exceed 10 years.]

(g) Chapter 252, Local Government Code, does not apply to a dedication, pledge, or other use of revenue in the tax increment fund for a reinvestment zone [by the board of directors of the zone in carrying out its powers] under Subsection (b).

Subject to the approval of the governing body of the 19 (h) 20 municipality or county that designated [created] the zone, the board of directors of a reinvestment zone, as necessary or 21 convenient to implement the project plan and reinvestment zone 22 financing plan and achieve their purposes, may establish and 23 provide for the administration of one or more programs for the 24 public purposes of developing and diversifying the economy of the 25 zone, eliminating unemployment and underemployment in the zone, and 26 27 developing or expanding transportation, business, and commercial

activity in the zone, including programs to make grants and loans 1 [from the tax increment fund of the zone in an aggregate amount not 2 to exceed the amount of the tax increment produced by the 3 municipality and paid into the tax increment fund for the zone] for 4 activities that benefit the zone and stimulate business and 5 commercial activity in the zone. For purposes of this subsection, 6 7 on approval of the municipality or county, the board of directors of the zone has all the powers of a municipality under Chapter 380, 8 Local Government Code. The approval required by this subsection may 9 be granted in an ordinance, in the case of a zone designated by a 10 municipality, or in an order, in the case of a zone designated by a 11 county, approving a project plan or reinvestment zone financing 12 13 plan or approving an amendment to a project plan or reinvestment zone financing plan. 14

15 SECTION 11. Section 311.01005, Tax Code, is amended by 16 adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

17 (f) This section does not limit the power of the board of 18 directors of a reinvestment zone or the governing body of the 19 municipality that designates a reinvestment zone to dedicate, 20 pledge, or otherwise provide for the use of revenue in the tax 21 increment fund for the zone to finance the costs of a project 22 involving real property located outside the zone.

23 SECTION 12. Section 311.011, Tax Code, is amended by 24 amending Subsections (a), (b), (c), (d), and (g) and adding 25 Subsection (h) to read as follows:

(a) The board of directors of a reinvestment zone shallprepare and adopt a project plan and a reinvestment zone financing

1 plan for the zone and submit the plans to the governing body of the 2 municipality or county that <u>designated</u> [created] the zone. [The 3 plans must be as consistent as possible with the preliminary plans 4 developed for the zone before the creation of the board.]

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(b) The project plan must include:

6 (1) a <u>description of</u> [map showing] existing uses and
7 conditions of real property in the zone and [a map showing] proposed
8 [improvements to and proposed] uses of that property;

9 (2) proposed changes of zoning ordinances, [the master 10 plan of the municipality,] building codes, other municipal 11 ordinances, and subdivision rules and regulations, if any, of the 12 county, if applicable; <u>and</u>

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(3) [a list of estimated nonproject costs; and

14 [(4)] a statement of a method of relocating persons to
15 be displaced, if any, as a result of implementing the plan.

16 (c) The reinvestment zone financing plan must include:

17 (1) a detailed list describing the estimated project18 costs of the zone, including administrative expenses;

19 (2) a statement listing the <u>proposed</u> kind, number, and
20 location of all [proposed] public works or public improvements to
21 <u>be financed by</u> [in] the zone;

22 (3) <u>a finding that the plan is economically feasible</u>
23 [an economic feasibility study];

24 (4) the estimated amount of bonded indebtedness to be25 incurred;

(5) the <u>estimated</u> time when related costs or monetary
obligations are to be incurred;

1 (6) a description of the methods of financing all 2 estimated project costs and the expected sources of revenue to 3 finance or pay project costs, including the percentage of tax 4 increment to be derived from the property taxes of each taxing unit 5 <u>anticipated to contribute tax increment to the zone</u> that levies 6 taxes on real property in the zone;

7 (7) the current total appraised value of taxable real8 property in the zone;

9 (8) the estimated captured appraised value of the zone 10 during each year of its existence; and

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(9) the duration of the zone.

The governing body of the municipality or county that 12 (d) 13 designated [created] the zone must approve a project plan or reinvestment zone financing plan after its adoption by the board. 14 15 The approval must be by ordinance, in the case of a municipality, or 16 by order, in the case of a county, that finds that the plan is feasible [and conforms to the master plan, if any, of the 17 municipality or to subdivision rules and regulations, if any, of 18 the county]. 19

20 (g) A [An amendment to the project plan or the reinvestment 21 zone financing plan for a zone does net apply to a] school district that participates in <u>a</u> [the] zone <u>is not required to increase the</u> 22 percentage or amount of the tax increment to be contributed by the 23 school district because of an amendment to the project plan or 24 reinvestment zone financing plan for the zone unless the governing 25 body of the school district by official action approves the 26 27 amendment[, if the amendment:

[(1) has the effect of directly or indirectly 1 increasing the percentage or amount of the tax increment to be 2 contributed by the school district; or 3 4 [(2) requires or authorizes the municipality or county 5 creating the zone to issue additional tax increment bonds notes]. 6 7 (h) Unless specifically provided otherwise in the plan, all amounts contained in the project plan or reinvestment zone 8 financing plan, including amounts of expenditures relating to 9 project costs and amounts relating to participation by taxing 10 units, are considered estimates and do not act as a limitation on 11 12 the described items. SECTION 13. Sections 311.012(a) and (c), Tax Code, are 13 amended to read as follows: 14 15 (a) The amount of a taxing unit's tax increment for a year is 16 the amount of property taxes <u>levied and assessed by the unit for</u> that year on the captured appraised value of real property taxable 17 18 by the unit and located in a reinvestment zone or the amount of property taxes levied and collected by the unit for that year on the 19 20 captured appraised value of real property taxable by the unit and located in a reinvestment zone. The governing body of a taxing unit 21 shall determine which of the methods specified by this subsection 22 is used to calculate the amount of the unit's tax increment. 23

(c) The tax increment base of a taxing unit is the total
<u>taxable</u> [appraised] value of all real property taxable by the unit
and located in a reinvestment zone for the year in which the zone
was designated under this chapter. <u>If the boundaries of a zone are</u>

enlarged, the tax increment base is increased by the taxable value 1 2 of the real property added to the zone for the year in which the property was added. If the boundaries of a zone are reduced, the tax 3 increment base is reduced by the taxable value of the real property 4 removed from the zone for the year in which the property was 5 originally included in the zone's boundaries. If the municipality 6 7 that designates a zone does not levy an ad valorem tax in the year in which the zone is designated, the tax increment base is determined 8 by the appraisal district in which the zone is located using 9 assumptions regarding exemptions and other relevant information 10 11 provided to the appraisal district by the municipality.

SECTION 14. Sections 311.013(f), (g), (l), and (n), Tax
Code, are amended to read as follows:

A taxing unit is not required to pay into the tax 14 (f) 15 increment fund any of its tax increment produced from property 16 located in a reinvestment zone designated under Section 311.005(a) or in an area added to a reinvestment zone under Section 311.007 17 unless the taxing unit enters into an agreement to do so with the 18 governing body of the municipality or county that designated 19 20 [created] the zone. A taxing unit may enter into an agreement under this subsection at any time before or after the zone is designated 21 [created] or enlarged. The agreement may include conditions for 22 payment of that tax increment into the fund and must specify the 23 portion of the tax increment to be paid into the fund and the years 24 25 for which that tax increment is to be paid into the fund. In addition to any other terms to which the parties may agree, the 26 27 agreement may specify the projects to which a participating taxing

1 unit's tax increment will be dedicated and that the taxing unit's
2 participation may be computed with respect to a base year later than
3 the original base year of the zone. The agreement and the conditions
4 in the agreement are binding on the taxing unit, the municipality or
5 county, and the board of directors of the zone.

6 Subject to the provisions of Section 311.0125, in lieu (q) 7 of permitting a portion of its tax increment to be paid into the tax increment fund, and notwithstanding the provisions of Section 8 9 312.203, a taxing unit, including [other than] a municipality [city], may elect to offer the owners of taxable real property in a 10 11 reinvestment zone <u>designated</u> [created] under this chapter an exemption from taxation of all or part of the value of the property. 12 13 To be effective, an [Any] agreement under this subsection to exempt real property [concerning an exemption] from ad valorem taxes must 14 be approved by: 15

16 (1) the board of directors of the reinvestment zone; 17 and

18 (2) the governing body of each taxing unit that imposes taxes on real property in the reinvestment zone and 19 20 deposits or agrees to deposit any of its tax increment into the tax increment fund for the zone [shall be executed in the manner and 21 subject to the limitations of Chapter 312; provided, however, the 22 property covered by the agreement need not be in a zone created 23 pursuant to Chapter 312. A taxing unit may not offer a tax abatement 24 25 agreement to property owners in the zone after it has entered into an agreement that its tax increments would be paid into the tax 26 27 increment fund pursuant to Subsection (f)].

1 The governing body of a municipality or county that (1)2 designates an area as a reinvestment zone may determine, in the designating ordinance or order adopted under Section 311.003 or in 3 4 the ordinance or order adopted under Section 311.011 approving the reinvestment zone financing plan for the zone, the portion of the 5 tax increment produced by the municipality or county that the 6 7 municipality or county is required to pay into the tax increment fund for the zone. If a municipality or county does not determine 8 9 the portion of the tax increment produced by the municipality or county that the municipality or county is required to pay into the 10 11 tax increment fund for a reinvestment zone, the municipality or county is required to pay into the fund for the zone the entire tax 12 13 increment produced by the municipality or county, except as provided by Subsection (b)(1). 14

15 This subsection applies only to a school district whose (n) 16 taxable value computed under Section 403.302(d), Government Code, is reduced in accordance with Subdivision (4) [(5)] of that 17 subsection. In addition to the amount otherwise required to be paid 18 into the tax increment fund, the district shall pay into the fund an 19 20 amount equal to the amount by which the amount of taxes the district would have been required to pay into the fund in the current year if 21 22 the district levied taxes at the rate the district levied in 2005 exceeds the amount the district is otherwise required to pay into 23 24 the fund in the year of the reduction [, not to exceed the amount the 25 school district realizes from the reduction in the school district's taxable value under Section 403.302(d)(5), Government 26 27 Code].

1 SECTION 15. Section 311.014(b), Tax Code, is amended to 2 read as follows:

Tax increment and other funds deposited in the tax 3 (b) increment fund of the zone shall be administered by the governing 4 body of the municipality or county that designated the zone or, if 5 delegated by the governing body, by the board of directors of the 6 7 zone, to implement the project plan and reinvestment zone financing plan for the zone during the term of the zone, as it may be extended, 8 9 and for any period in which the zone remains in existence for collection and disbursement pursuant to Section 311.017(d). Money 10 11 may be disbursed from the fund only to satisfy claims of holders of tax increment bonds or notes issued for the zone, to pay project 12 13 costs for the zone, to make payments pursuant to an agreement made under Section 311.010(b) or a program under Section 311.010(h) 14 dedicating revenue from the tax increment fund, or to repay other 15 16 obligations incurred for the zone.

17 SECTION 16. Sections 311.015(a) and (1), Tax Code, are 18 amended to read as follows:

A municipality or county designating [creating] 19 (a) а 20 reinvestment zone may issue tax increment bonds or notes, the proceeds of which may be used to make payments pursuant to 21 agreements made under Section 311.010(b), to make payments pursuant 22 to programs under Section 311.010(h), to pay project costs for the 23 24 reinvestment zone on behalf of which the bonds or notes were issued, or to satisfy claims of holders of the bonds or notes. The 25 municipality or county may issue refunding bonds or notes for the 26 27 payment or retirement of tax increment bonds or notes previously

1 issued by it. <u>In lieu of issuing bonds or notes under this</u> 2 <u>subsection, a municipality may issue certificates of obligation</u> 3 <u>under Subchapter C, Chapter 271, Local Government Code, to pay the</u> 4 <u>project costs for a zone and may use tax increment from the zone to</u> 5 <u>pay debt service on the certificates.</u>

6 (1) A tax increment bond or note must mature <u>on or before the</u>
7 <u>date by which the final payments of tax increment into the tax</u>
8 <u>increment fund are due</u> [within 20 years of the date of issue].

9 SECTION 17. Section 311.016(a), Tax Code, is amended to 10 read as follows:

(a) On or before the <u>150th</u> [90th] day following the end of the fiscal year of the municipality or county, the governing body of a municipality or county shall submit to the chief executive officer of each taxing unit that levies property taxes on real property in a reinvestment zone created by the municipality or county a report on the status of the zone. The report must include:

17 (1) the amount and source of revenue in the tax18 increment fund established for the zone;

19 (2) the amount and purpose of expenditures from the 20 fund;

21 (3) the amount of principal and interest due on 22 outstanding bonded indebtedness;

(4) the tax increment base and current capturedappraised value retained by the zone; and

(5) the captured appraised value shared by the municipality or county and other taxing units, the total amount of tax increments received, and any additional information necessary

to demonstrate compliance with the tax increment financing plan
 adopted by the governing body of the municipality or county.

3 SECTION 18. Section 311.016(b), Tax Code, as amended by 4 Chapters 977 (H.B. 1820) and 1094 (H.B. 2120), Acts of the 79th 5 Legislature, Regular Session, 2005, is reenacted to read as 6 follows:

7 (b) The municipality or county shall send a copy of a report8 made under this section to:

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(1) the attorney general; and

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(2) the comptroller.

11 SECTION 19. Section 311.017, Tax Code, is amended by 12 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsections (a-1), (c), (d), and 13 (e) to read as follows:

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(a) A reinvestment zone terminates on the earlier of:

(1) the termination date designated in the ordinance or order, as applicable, <u>designating</u> [creating] the zone or an earlier <u>or later</u> termination date designated by an ordinance or order adopted <u>under Section 311.007(b)</u> [subsequent to the ordinance or order creating the zone]; or

(2) the date on which all project costs, tax increment
bonds and interest on those bonds, and other obligations have been
paid in full.

23 (a-1) Notwithstanding the designation of a later
24 termination date under Section 311.007(b), a taxing unit that taxes
25 real property located in the zone, other than the municipality or
26 county that created the zone, is not required to pay any of its tax
27 increment into the tax increment fund for the zone for any tax year

after the termination date designated in the ordinance or order 1 2 designating the zone unless the governing body of the taxing unit enters into an agreement to do so with the governing body of the 3 4 municipality or county that designated the zone. 5 (c) A zone designated under other law as described by Section 311.0031 terminates for purposes of this chapter on the 6 7 date specified in the ordinance or order designating the zone as a reinvestment zone under this chapter, regardless of whether the 8 zone has terminated under the other law under which the zone was 9

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10 originally designated.

11 (d) Subject to Subsection (a-1), if tax increment bonds or 12 other obligations issued or incurred for the zone are outstanding 13 when the zone terminates, the zone remains in existence solely for the purpose of collecting and disbursing tax increment with respect 14 to tax years during the designated term of the zone, as it may have 15 16 been extended. Those funds shall be used to pay the tax increment bonds or other obligations issued or incurred for the zone. 17 Notwithstanding the other provisions of this subsection or the 18 extension of the term of a zone under Section 311.007, the 19 20 termination date of a zone for purposes of any contract entered into by the board, or by the municipality or county that designated the 21 22 zone, remains the termination date designated by ordinance or order 23 in effect on the date the contract was executed unless a subsequent 24 amendment to the contract expressly provides otherwise.

(e) After termination of the zone, the governing body of the
 municipality or county that designated the zone may continue the
 zone for an additional period for the purpose of continuing the

implementation of the reinvestment zone project plan and financing 1 2 plan. In that event, although tax increment shall cease to be 3 deposited with respect to tax years following termination of the zone, the zone shall retain all remaining funds, property, and 4 assets of the zone to be used to implement the plans as authorized 5 6 by the governing body. 7 SECTION 20. Chapter 311, Tax Code, is amended by adding Section 311.021 to read as follows: 8 Sec. 311.021. ACT OR PROCEEDING PRESUMED VALID. (a) A 9 governmental act or proceeding of a municipality or county, the 10 11 board of directors of a reinvestment zone, or an entity acting under Section 311.010(f) relating to the designation, operation, or 12 13 administration of a reinvestment zone or the implementation of a 14 project plan or reinvestment zone financing plan under this chapter is conclusively presumed, as of the date it occurred, valid and to 15 16 have occurred in accordance with all applicable statutes and rules 17 if: 18 (1) the second anniversary of the effective date of the act or proceeding has expired; and 19 20 (2) a lawsuit to annul or invalidate the act or proceeding has not been filed on or before the later of that second 21 22 anniversary or August 1, 2009. 23 This section does not apply to: (b) 24 (1) an act or proceeding that was void at the time it 25 occurred; (2) an act or proceeding that, under a statute of this 26 27 state or the United States, was a misdemeanor or felony at the time

1 the act or proceeding occurred;

2 (3) a rule that, at the time it was passed, was
3 preempted by a statute of this state or the United States, including
4 Section 1.06 or 109.57, Alcoholic Beverage Code; or

5 (4) a matter that on the effective date of the Act 6 enacting this section:

7 (A) is involved in litigation if the litigation
8 <u>ultimately results in the matter being held invalid by a final</u>
9 judgment of a court; or

10 (B) has been held invalid by a final judgment of a 11 court.

SECTION 21. Section 42.2516(b), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Subject to Subsections (b-1), (b-2), (f-1), (g), and (h), but notwithstanding any other provision of this title, a school district is entitled to state revenue necessary to provide the district with the sum of:

18 (1) the amount of state revenue necessary to maintain 19 state and local revenue per student in weighted average daily 20 attendance in the amount equal to the greater of:

(A) the amount of state and local revenue per student in weighted average daily attendance for the maintenance and operations of the district available to the district for the 2005-2006 school year;

(B) the amount of state and local revenue per
 student in weighted average daily attendance for the maintenance
 and operations of the district to which the district would have been

1 entitled for the 2006-2007 school year under this chapter, as it 2 existed on January 1, 2006, or, if the district would have been 3 subject to Chapter 41, as that chapter existed on January 1, 2006, 4 the amount to which the district would have been entitled under that 5 chapter, based on the funding elements in effect for the 2005-2006 6 school year, if the district imposed a maintenance and operations 7 tax at the rate adopted by the district for the 2005 tax year; or

the amount of state and local revenue per 8 (C) student in weighted average daily attendance for the maintenance 9 and operations of the district to which the district would have been 10 11 entitled for the 2006-2007 school year under this chapter, as it existed on January 1, 2006, or, if the district would have been 12 13 subject to Chapter 41, as that chapter existed on January 1, 2006, the amount to which the district would have been entitled under that 14 chapter, based on the funding elements in effect for the 2005-2006 15 16 school year, if the district imposed a maintenance and operations tax at the rate equal to the rate described by Section 26.08(i) or 17 (k)(1), Tax Code, as applicable, for the 2006 tax year; 18

(2) amount equal to the product of 19 an \$2,500 20 multiplied by the number of classroom teachers, full-time librarians, full-time counselors certified under Subchapter B, 21 Chapter 21, and full-time school nurses employed by the district 22 and entitled to a minimum salary under Section 21.402; [and] 23

(3) an amount equal to the product of \$275 multiplied
by the number of students in average daily attendance in grades nine
through 12 in the district; and

27 (4) an amount equal to the amount the district is

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1	required to pay into the tax increment fund for a reinvestment zone
2	under Section 311.013(n), Tax Code, in the current tax year.
3	SECTION 22. Section 42.253, Education Code, is amended by
4	adding Subsection (c-1) to read as follows:
5	(c-1) The amounts to be paid under Section 42.2516(b)(4)
6	shall be paid at the same time as other state revenue is paid to the
7	district. Payments shall be based on amounts paid under Section
8	42.2516(b)(4) for the preceding year. Any deficiency shall be paid
9	to the district at the same time the final amount to be paid to the
10	district is determined, and any overpayment shall be deducted from
11	the payments the district would otherwise receive in the following
12	year.
13	SECTION 23. Sections 403.302(d) and (i), Government Code,
14	are amended to read as follows:
15	(d) For the purposes of this section, "taxable value" means
16	the market value of all taxable property less:
17	(1) the total dollar amount of any residence homestead
18	exemptions lawfully granted under Section 11.13(b) or (c), Tax
19	Code, in the year that is the subject of the study for each school
20	district;
21	(2) one-half of the total dollar amount of any
22	residence homestead exemptions granted under Section 11.13(n), Tax
23	Code, in the year that is the subject of the study for each school
24	district;
25	(3) the total dollar amount of any exemptions granted
26	before May 31, 1993, within a reinvestment zone under agreements
27	authorized by Chapter 312, Tax Code;

(4) subject to Subsection (e), the total dollar amount
 of any captured appraised value of property that:

(A) is within a reinvestment zone created on or 3 4 before May 31, 1999, or is proposed to be included within the boundaries of a reinvestment zone as the boundaries of the zone and 5 the proposed portion of tax increment paid into the tax increment 6 7 fund by a school district are described in a written notification provided by the municipality or the board of directors of the zone 8 9 to the governing bodies of the other taxing units in the manner provided by Section 311.003(e), Tax Code, before May 31, 1999, and 10 within the boundaries of the zone as those boundaries existed on 11 September 1, 1999, including subsequent improvements to the 12 13 property regardless of when made;

(B) generates taxes paid into a tax increment fund created under Chapter 311, Tax Code, under a reinvestment zone financing plan approved under Section 311.011(d), Tax Code, on or before September 1, 1999; and

18 (C) is eligible for tax increment financing under19 Chapter 311, Tax Code;

[for a school district for which a deduction from 20 (5) taxable value is made under Subdivision (4), an amount equal to the 21 taxable value required to generate revenue when taxed at the school 22 district's current tax rate in an amount that, when added to the 23 taxes of the district paid into a tax increment fund as described by 24 25 Subdivision (4)(B), is equal to the total amount of taxes the district would have paid into the tax increment fund if the district 26 levied taxes at the rate the district levied in 2005; 27

1 [(6)] the total dollar amount of any captured 2 appraised value of property that:

3 (A) is within a reinvestment zone:
4 (i) created on or before December 31, 2008,

by a municipality with a population of less than 18,000; and

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6 (ii) the project plan for which includes 7 the alteration, remodeling, repair, or reconstruction of a 8 structure that is included on the National Register of Historic 9 Places and requires that a portion of the tax increment of the zone 10 be used for the improvement or construction of related facilities 11 or for affordable housing;

(B) generates school district taxes that are paidinto a tax increment fund created under Chapter 311, Tax Code; and

14 (C) is eligible for tax increment financing under15 Chapter 311, Tax Code;

16 (6) [(7)] the total dollar amount of any exemptions 17 granted under Section 11.251 or 11.253, Tax Code;

18 (7) [(8)] the difference between the comptroller's 19 estimate of the market value and the productivity value of land that 20 qualifies for appraisal on the basis of its productive capacity, 21 except that the productivity value estimated by the comptroller may 22 not exceed the fair market value of the land;

23 (8) [(9)] the portion of the appraised value of 24 residence homesteads of individuals who receive a tax limitation 25 under Section 11.26, Tax Code, on which school district taxes are 26 not imposed in the year that is the subject of the study, calculated 27 as if the residence homesteads were appraised at the full value

1 required by law;

2 (9) [(10)] a portion of the market value of property 3 not otherwise fully taxable by the district at market value because 4 of:

5 (A) action required statute by or the constitution of this state that, if the tax rate adopted by the 6 7 district is applied to it, produces an amount equal to the difference between the tax that the district would have imposed on 8 the property if the property were fully taxable at market value and 9 the tax that the district is actually authorized to impose on the 10 11 property, if this subsection does not otherwise require that portion to be deducted; or 12

13 (B) action taken by the district under Subchapter
14 B or C, Chapter 313, Tax Code;

15 <u>(10)</u> [(11)] the market value of all tangible personal 16 property, other than manufactured homes, owned by a family or 17 individual and not held or used for the production of income;

18 <u>(11)</u> [(12)] the appraised value of property the 19 collection of delinquent taxes on which is deferred under Section 20 33.06, Tax Code;

21 (12) [(13)] the portion of the appraised value of 22 property the collection of delinquent taxes on which is deferred 23 under Section 33.065, Tax Code; and

24 <u>(13)</u> [(14)] the amount by which the market value of a 25 residence homestead to which Section 23.23, Tax Code, applies 26 exceeds the appraised value of that property as calculated under 27 that section.

1 If the comptroller determines in the annual study that (i) 2 the market value of property in a school district as determined by the appraisal district that appraises property for the school 3 4 district, less the total of the amounts and values listed in Subsection (d) as determined by that appraisal district, is valid, 5 the comptroller, in determining the taxable value of property in 6 7 the school district under Subsection (d), shall for purposes of Subsection (d)(13) $\left[\frac{(d)(14)}{(14)}\right]$ subtract from the market value as 8 9 determined by the appraisal district of residence homesteads to which Section 23.23, Tax Code, applies the amount by which that 10 11 amount exceeds the appraised value of those properties as calculated by the appraisal district under Section 23.23, Tax Code. 12 13 If the comptroller determines in the annual study that the market value of property in a school district as determined by the 14 15 appraisal district that appraises property for the school district, 16 less the total of the amounts and values listed in Subsection (d) as determined by that appraisal district, is not valid, the 17 comptroller, in determining the taxable value of property in the 18 school district under Subsection (d), shall for purposes of 19 Subsection (d)(13) $\left[\frac{(d)(14)}{(14)}\right]$ subtract from the market value as 20 estimated by the comptroller of residence homesteads to which 21 Section 23.23, Tax Code, applies the amount by which that amount 22 exceeds the appraised value of those properties as calculated by 23 24 the appraisal district under Section 23.23, Tax Code.

25 SECTION 24. Section 373A.151(b), Local Government Code, is 26 amended to read as follows:

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(b) In addition to other provisions of this subchapter that

1 modify or supersede the application of Chapter 311, Tax Code, to a 2 zone established under this subchapter, <u>Section</u> [Sections] 311.005 3 [and 311.006], Tax Code, <u>does</u> [do] not apply to a zone established 4 under this subchapter.

5 SECTION 25. Sections 311.003(e), (f), and (g), 311.006, and
6 311.013(d) and (e), Tax Code, are repealed.

7 SECTION 26. (a) The legislature validates and confirms all governmental acts and proceedings of a municipality or county, the 8 9 board of directors of a reinvestment zone, or an entity acting under Section 311.010(f), Tax Code, that were taken before the effective 10 date of this Act and relate to or are associated with the 11 designation, operation, or administration of a reinvestment zone or 12 13 the implementation of a project plan or reinvestment zone financing plan under Chapter 311, Tax Code, including the extension of the 14 term of a reinvestment zone, as of the dates on which they occurred. 15 16 The acts and proceedings may not be held invalid because they were not in accordance with Chapter 311, Tax Code, or other law. 17

(b) Subsection (a) of this section does not apply to anymatter that on the 30th day after the effective date of this Act:

20 (1) is involved in litigation if the litigation 21 ultimately results in the matter being held invalid by a final 22 judgment of a court; or

(2) has been held invalid by a final judgment of acourt.

25 SECTION 27. (a) Section 311.002(1), Tax Code, as amended by 26 this Act, applies to all costs described by that subdivision 27 regardless of when they were incurred.

Section 311.0091, Tax Code, as amended by this Act, 1 (b) 2 applies only to an individual appointed by a conservation and reclamation district to the board of directors of a reinvestment 3 zone on or after the effective date of this Act. An individual 4 appointed by a conservation and reclamation district to the board 5 of a reinvestment zone before the effective date of this Act is 6 7 governed by Section 311.0091, Tax Code, as that section existed immediately before the effective date of this Act, and the former 8 9 law is continued in effect for that purpose.

10 Section 311.012(c), Tax Code, as amended by this Act, (c) applies only to the determination of the tax increment base of a 11 taxing unit for a tax year beginning on or after the effective date 12 of this Act, except that if the tax increment base of a taxing unit 13 for a tax year beginning before the effective date was determined in 14 15 the manner provided by Section 311.012(c), Tax Code, as amended by 16 this Act, the determination is validated as if the amendment were in accordance with Section 311.012(c), Tax Code, as that section 17 18 existed immediately before the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 28. Section 42.2516, Education Code, as amended by 19 this Act, applies as if Subsection (b)(4) of that section were in 20 effect in the state fiscal year beginning September 1, 2006, and any 21 amounts due a school district under Subsection (b)(4) of that 22 section for the state fiscal years beginning September 1, 2006, 23 September 1, 2007, and September 1, 2008, shall be paid to the 24 25 district in the state fiscal year beginning September 1, 2009, at the time payments are made to the district under Section 42.259(f), 26 27 Education Code.

1 SECTION 29. This Act takes effect immediately if it 2 receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each 3 house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. 4 If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate 5 effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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