

1-1 By: Williams S.B. No. 1282  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 3, 2009; March 17, 2009, read  
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Transportation and Homeland  
1-4 Security; March 31, 2009, reported favorably by the following  
1-5 vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; March 31, 2009, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the powers of certain freight rail districts.

1-9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-10 SECTION 1. Section 171.053, Transportation Code, is amended  
1-11 to read as follows:

1-12 Sec. 171.053. INTERMUNICIPAL COMMUTER RAIL DISTRICT  
1-13 POWERS. The governing bodies of the county or counties and of the  
1-14 most populous municipality in the most populous county may provide  
1-15 that the district may exercise the powers of an intermunicipal  
1-16 commuter rail district created under Article 6550c-1, Revised  
1-17 Statutes, including the powers related to a commuter rail facility,  
1-18 by specifying in the concurrent order or ordinance creating the  
1-19 district that those powers may be exercised by the district.

1-20 SECTION 2. Subchapter F, Chapter 171, Transportation Code,  
1-21 is amended by adding Section 171.256 to read as follows:

1-22 Sec. 171.256. LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCING. (a) Section  
1-23 8(d), Article 6550c-1, Revised Statutes, relating to the limit on  
1-24 payments made by a local government does not apply to a district to  
1-25 which Section 171.053 applies.

1-26 (b) A district to which Section 171.053 applies may use  
1-27 money paid to the district by a local government outside the  
1-28 territory of the local government if the money is used for a public  
1-29 purpose of the local government.

1-30 (c) A district to which Section 171.053 applies may pledge  
1-31 money paid to the district by a local government to secure the  
1-32 payment of a district debt.

1-33 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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