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H.B. No. 557

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the areas in which a freight rail district may be  
3 created.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 171.051, Transportation Code, is amended  
6 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 171.051. APPLICABILITY TO CERTAIN COUNTIES. A  
8 district may be created only in:

9 (1) a county with a population of 3.3 million or more  
10 and counties adjacent to such a county; or

11 (2) a county with a population of 250,000 or more that  
12 borders a state of the United States, and counties adjacent to such  
13 a county.

14 SECTION 2. Section 171.052(a), Transportation Code, is  
15 amended to read as follows:

16 (a) The governing body of one or more counties and the most  
17 populous municipality in the most populous county may by concurrent  
18 order or ordinance create a district. At the time of creation, a  
19 district must include:

20 (1) a county with a population of 3.3 million or  
21 more[+] and

22 [~~2~~] that municipality; or

23 (2) the most populous county described by Section  
24 171.051(2) and that municipality.

1           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
5 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.