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H.B. No. 2584

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to authorizing certain municipalities to donate surplus
3 real property of negligible or negative value to certain private
4 persons.

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

6 SECTION 1. Chapter 253, Local Government Code, is amended
7 by adding Section 253.013 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 253.013. DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY OF NEGLIGIBLE OR
9 NEGATIVE VALUE TO CERTAIN PRIVATE PERSONS. (a) This section
10 applies only to a municipality with a population greater than
11 150,000 and less than 200,000 that is located in three counties.

12 (b) The governing body of a municipality to which this
13 section applies may determine that real property located inside the
14 boundaries of the municipality and owned by the municipality is
15 surplus real property of negligible or negative value if:

16 (1) the property is not improved, including by having
17 a structure on it or by being paved;

18 (2) ownership of the property does not provide any
19 identifiable positive benefit to the municipality in relation to
20 the municipality's current needs;

21 (3) ownership of the property is not likely to provide
22 any identifiable positive benefit to the municipality in relation
23 to the municipality's future needs; and

24 (4) the cost of maintaining the property is a

1 substantial burden to the municipality.

2 (c) The governing body of a municipality that makes a
3 determination under Subsection (b) shall adopt written findings and
4 conclusions regarding the determination made.

5 (d) The governing body of a municipality that makes a
6 determination under Subsection (b) that certain real property is
7 surplus real property of negligible or negative value may donate
8 that property to a private person who owns property adjacent to the
9 surplus real property of negligible or negative value.

10 (e) Section 272.001 does not apply to a conveyance of
11 property authorized by this section.

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