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S.B. No. 803

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to venue projects in certain counties.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 334, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 334.0083 to read as follows:

Sec. 334.0083. VENUE PROJECTS IN CERTAIN COUNTIES. (a) In this section, "venue" has the meaning assigned by Section 334.001 and includes a tourism development project such as a park, aquarium, birding center, bird viewing site, history center, art center, nature center, nature trail, museum, or water-related project that creates or enhances an activity involving water sports or fishing.

(b) A county with a population of 25,000 or less in which at least one state park and one national wildlife refuge are located may plan, acquire, establish, develop, construct, or renovate a venue as a venue project under this chapter.

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