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H.B. No. 139

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the exercise of urban renewal powers by certain
3 counties.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 374.902(b), Local Government Code, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (b) A county with a population of more than 250,000 and
8 located along an international border or a county with a population
9 of more than 1.3 million may exercise the powers provided for
10 municipalities under this chapter with respect to areas of the
11 county that are not within the corporate boundaries of a
12 municipality or areas of the county located within the corporate
13 boundaries of a municipality, if the municipality approves the
14 county's participation in an urban renewal project through an
15 interlocal agreement under Chapter 791, Government Code. The
16 county may not exercise those powers until the commissioners court
17 of the county adopts a resolution in the manner provided by Section
18 374.011 for adoption of a resolution by a municipality. The
19 resolution must be approved at an election held in the county in the
20 manner provided for a municipal election under Section 374.011.
21 The adoption of the resolution is not approved unless a majority of
22 the voters who vote on the question in the entire county as well as
23 in each municipality in the county approve the adoption of the
24 resolution. In a municipality that is only partially located in the

1 affected county, only voters who reside in the county may vote.

2 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
3 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
4 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
5 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
6 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.