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H.B. No. 1290

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the authority for local governments to jointly administer transportation reinvestment zones.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 222, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 222.111 to read as follows:

Sec. 222.111. JOINT ADMINISTRATION OF TRANSPORTATION REINVESTMENT ZONES. (a) The governing bodies of two or more local governments that have designated a transportation reinvestment zone under Section 222.106 or 222.107 for the same transportation project or projects may enter into an agreement to provide for the joint administration of the transportation reinvestment zones. The agreement may provide for:

(1) the establishment of a joint tax increment account for the transportation reinvestment zones;

(2) separate accounts for the maintenance of funds from a zone created under Section 222.106 and funds from a zone created under Section 222.107;

(3) the commitment of each participating entity to transfer the tax increment or assessment, or the portion thereof dedicated to a transportation project, to an account subject to the joint administration; and

(4) to the extent legally permitted, the pledge or assignment of the tax increment or assessment to an entity

1 developing a transportation project or providing funding for a  
2 transportation project.

3 (b) Notwithstanding any other law, a local government may  
4 designate a transportation reinvestment zone for a transportation  
5 project located outside the local government's boundaries if:

6 (1) the local government finds that:

7 (A) the project will benefit the property and  
8 residents located in the zone; and

9 (B) the creation of the zone will serve a public  
10 purpose of the local government;

11 (2) a zone has been designated for the same project by  
12 one or more local governments in whose boundaries the project is  
13 located; and

14 (3) an agreement for joint administration of the  
15 designated zones is entered into under this section by:

16 (A) the local government whose boundaries do not  
17 contain the project; and

18 (B) one or more of the local governments that  
19 have designated a zone for the project and in whose boundaries the  
20 project is located.

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