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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the sale of certain land used for a world exposition.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 253, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 253.0011 to read as follows:

Sec. 253.0011. SALE OF LAND USED FOR WORLD EXPOSITION. (a) Section 253.001(b) does not apply to the sale or lease of a public square or park if:

(1) the land was part of the site of a world exposition recognized by the Bureau International des Expositions;

(2) the land will not be used to develop and construct a hotel; and

(3) the property described in Subdivision (1) has a total area of dedicated public square or park that is equal to or greater than 20 acres.

(b) If a municipality sells or leases land or has sold or leased land under Section 253.0011 of this chapter, the development and construction of a hotel after January 1, 2013 is prohibited on land that was part of the site of a world exposition recognized by the Bureau International des Expositions.

(c) If a municipality sells or leases land or has sold or leased land under Section 253.0011 of this chapter and acquires from the federal government or an institution of higher education land that was part of the site of a world exposition recognized by

1 the Bureau International des Expositions, development and
2 construction of a hotel on the acquired land is prohibited.

3 (d) A petition for judicial review of a sale under this
4 section must be filed on or before the 30th day after the date the
5 ordinance or resolution authorizing the sale is adopted. A petition
6 filed after that date is barred.

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