

1-1 By: Eltife S.B. No. 234  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed January 23, 2013; January 23, 2013,  
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Administration;  
 1-4 January 29, 2013, reported favorably by the following vote:  
 1-5 Yeas 6, Nays 0; January 29, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to the creation, purpose, implementation, and funding of  
 1-18 the County Park Beautification and Improvement Program.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-20 SECTION 1. Subtitle B, Title 10, Local Government Code, is  
 1-21 amended by adding Chapter 328 to read as follows:

1-22 CHAPTER 328. COUNTY PARK BEAUTIFICATION AND IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

1-23 Sec. 328.001. PURPOSE; CREATION. It is the intent of the  
 1-24 legislature that each county dedicating land for use as county  
 1-25 parks be encouraged to beautify and improve those parks through  
 1-26 measures including but not limited to improvements in or additions  
 1-27 to lighting, directional and educational signs, litter abatement  
 1-28 strategies, and landscaping and landscape maintenance policies. In  
 1-29 furtherance of these goals, the County Park Beautification and  
 1-30 Improvement Program is established.

1-31 Sec. 328.002. IMPLEMENTATION. The commissioners court of a  
 1-32 county may by majority vote elect to participate in the program. On  
 1-33 such election, the commissioners court shall designate one person  
 1-34 in the division of the county government responsible for the care  
 1-35 and maintenance of the county parks as the coordinator for the  
 1-36 program. The coordinator may solicit advice and assistance from  
 1-37 state and county agencies and private organizations in developing  
 1-38 and implementing the program.

1-39 Sec. 328.003. REPORT; ADOPTION. The coordinator shall  
 1-40 report to the commissioners court the coordinator's findings and  
 1-41 shall recommend an implementation strategy to the commissioners  
 1-42 court. The commissioners court may reject or adopt the  
 1-43 implementation strategy. If the commissioners court rejects the  
 1-44 strategy, it shall specify to the coordinator the reasons for such  
 1-45 rejection, and the coordinator shall develop a new implementation  
 1-46 strategy to present to the commissioners court within six months of  
 1-47 the rejection. On adoption of an implementation strategy, the  
 1-48 commissioners court may fund the program as provided in Section  
 1-49 328.004.

1-50 Sec. 328.004. FUNDING. The commissioners court of a county  
 1-51 electing to participate in the program may solicit and accept  
 1-52 bequests, donations, grants, and other money, goods, and services  
 1-53 from federal, state, and private sources to finance and further the  
 1-54 goals of the program but may not levy any tax or receive any  
 1-55 legislative appropriation to fund such participation. The state is  
 1-56 not liable for debts or other obligations incurred by a county in  
 1-57 implementing or planning to implement the program under this  
 1-58 chapter.

1-59 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
 1-60 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
 1-61 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

2-1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
2-2 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the  
2-3 legislative session.

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