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H.B. No. 3402

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the authority of a venue district to act as an endorsing
3 municipality or endorsing county for purposes of games or event
4 trust funds; authorizing a fee.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 335, Local Government
7 Code, is amended by adding Section 335.078 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 335.078. VENUE DISTRICT AS ENDORSING MUNICIPALITY OR
9 COUNTY. (a) A venue district located in a county with a population
10 of 3.3 million or more may act as an endorsing municipality or
11 endorsing county under Chapter 1507, Acts of the 76th Legislature,
12 Regular Session, 1999 (Article 5190.14, Vernon's Texas Civil
13 Statutes).

14 (b) A venue district acting as an endorsing municipality or
15 endorsing county under Chapter 1507, Acts of the 76th Legislature,
16 Regular Session, 1999 (Article 5190.14, Vernon's Texas Civil
17 Statutes), shall remit for deposit into the trust fund established
18 for the games or event the amounts determined by the comptroller
19 under that chapter. The comptroller shall determine the
20 incremental increase in receipts attributable to the games or event
21 and related activities under that chapter based on the amount of
22 applicable taxes imposed by each municipality or county that
23 comprises the venue district and not on the amount of taxes imposed
24 by the venue district.

1 (c) A venue district acting as an endorsing municipality or
2 endorsing county under Chapter 1507, Acts of the 76th Legislature,
3 Regular Session, 1999 (Article 5190.14, Vernon's Texas Civil
4 Statutes), may guarantee the district's obligations under a games
5 or event support contract by pledging surcharges from user fees,
6 including parking or ticket fees, charged in connection with the
7 games or event and related activities.

8 (d) Subject to Subsection (b), a venue district acting as an
9 endorsing municipality or endorsing county under Chapter 1507, Acts
10 of the 76th Legislature, Regular Session, 1999 (Article 5190.14,
11 Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), as authorized by this section, has
12 all the powers of an endorsing municipality or endorsing county
13 under that chapter, and any action an endorsing municipality or
14 endorsing county is required to take by ordinance or order under
15 that chapter may be taken by order or resolution of the venue
16 district.

17 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
18 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
19 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
20 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
21 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.