

AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3402 was passed by the House on May 12, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 121, Nays 21, 2 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3402 was passed by the Senate on May 24, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 25, Nays 5.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor