

1-1 By: Uresti S.B. No. 1788  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 13, 2015; March 24, 2015, read  
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Transportation;  
 1-4 April 30, 2015, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9,  
 1-5 Nays 0; April 30, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to county energy transportation reinvestment zones.  
 1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:  
 1-21 SECTION 1. Sections 222.1071(b), (f), (i), and (m),  
 1-22 Transportation Code, are amended to read as follows:  
 1-23 (b) A county, after determining that an area is affected  
 1-24 because of oil and gas exploration and production activities and  
 1-25 would benefit from funding under Chapter 256, by order or  
 1-26 resolution of the commissioners court:  
 1-27 (1) may designate a contiguous geographic area in the  
 1-28 jurisdiction of the county to be a county energy transportation  
 1-29 reinvestment zone to promote one or more transportation  
 1-30 infrastructure projects, as that term is defined by Section  
 1-31 256.101, located in the county [~~zone~~]; and  
 1-32 (2) may jointly administer a county energy  
 1-33 transportation reinvestment zone with a contiguous county energy  
 1-34 transportation reinvestment zone formed by another county.  
 1-35 (f) The order or resolution designating an area as a county  
 1-36 energy transportation reinvestment zone must:  
 1-37 (1) describe the boundaries of the zone with  
 1-38 sufficient definiteness to identify with ordinary and reasonable  
 1-39 certainty the territory included in the zone;  
 1-40 (2) provide that the zone takes effect immediately on  
 1-41 adoption of the order or resolution designating an area and that the  
 1-42 base year shall be the year of passage of the order or resolution  
 1-43 designating an area or some year in the future;  
 1-44 (3) establish an ad valorem tax increment account for  
 1-45 the zone or provide for the establishment of a joint ad valorem tax  
 1-46 increment account, if applicable; and  
 1-47 (4) if two or more counties are designating a zone for  
 1-48 the same transportation infrastructure project or projects,  
 1-49 include a finding that:  
 1-50 (A) the project or projects will benefit the  
 1-51 property and residents located in the counties [~~zone~~];  
 1-52 (B) the creation of the zone will serve a public  
 1-53 purpose of the county; and  
 1-54 (C) details the transportation infrastructure  
 1-55 projects for which each county is responsible.  
 1-56 (i) The county may:  
 1-57 (1) use money in the tax increment account to provide:  
 1-58 (A) matching funds under Section 256.105; and  
 1-59 (B) funding for one or more transportation  
 1-60 infrastructure projects located in the county [~~zone~~];  
 1-61 (2) apply for grants under Subchapter C, Chapter 256[7

2-1 ~~subject to Section 222.1072~~];

2-2 (3) use five percent of any grant distributed to the

2-3 county under Subchapter C, Chapter 256, for the administration of a

2-4 county energy transportation reinvestment zone, not to exceed

2-5 \$250,000;

2-6 (4) enter into an agreement to provide for the joint

2-7 administration of county energy transportation reinvestment zones

2-8 if the commissioners court of the county has designated a county

2-9 energy transportation reinvestment zone under this section for the

2-10 same transportation infrastructure project or projects as another

2-11 county commissioners court; and

2-12 (5) pledge money in the tax increment account to a road

2-13 utility district formed as provided by Subsection (n).

2-14 (m) The commissioners court of a county may enter into an

2-15 agreement with the department to designate a county energy

2-16 transportation reinvestment zone under this section for a specified

2-17 transportation infrastructure project involving a state highway

2-18 located in the county [~~proposed zone~~].

2-19 SECTION 2. Section 222.1072(a), Transportation Code, is

2-20 amended to read as follows:

2-21 (a) A county may create [~~is eligible to apply for a grant~~

2-22 ~~under Subchapter C, Chapter 256, if the county creates~~] an advisory

2-23 board to advise the county on the establishment, administration,

2-24 and expenditures of a county energy transportation reinvestment

2-25 zone. The county commissioners court shall determine the terms and

2-26 duties of the advisory board members.

2-27 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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