

By: Rodriguez of Travis

H.B. No. 3077

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the authority of a municipality or county to impose certain taxes to finance certain venue projects.

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

SECTION 1. Section 334.001(4), Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(4) "Venue" means:

(A) an arena, coliseum, stadium, or other type of area or facility:

(i) that is used or is planned for use for one or more professional or amateur sports events, community events, or other sports events, including rodeos, livestock shows, agricultural expositions, promotional events, and other civic or charitable events; and

(ii) for which a fee for admission to the events is charged or is planned to be charged;

(B) a convention center, convention center facility as defined by Section 351.001(2) or 352.001(2), Tax Code, or related improvement such as a civic center hotel, theater, opera house, music hall, rehearsal hall, park, zoological park, museum, aquarium, or plaza located in the vicinity of a convention center or facility owned by a municipality or a county;

(C) a tourist development area along an inland waterway;

1 (D) a ~~[municipal]~~ parks and recreation system, or
2 improvements or additions to a parks and recreation system, or an
3 area or facility that is part of a ~~[municipal]~~ parks and recreation
4 system;

5 (E) a project authorized by Section 4A or 4B,
6 Development Corporation Act of 1979 (Article 5190.6, Vernon's Texas
7 Civil Statutes), as that Act existed on September 1, 1997; and

8 (F) a watershed protection and preservation
9 project; a recharge, recharge area, or recharge feature protection
10 project; a conservation easement; or an open-space preservation
11 program intended to protect water.

12 SECTION 2. Section 334.024(f), Local Government Code, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 (f) If the venue project is authorized by Section
15 334.001(4)(D) and the venue project does not include improvements
16 and/or additions to all parks and/or recreation facilities of the
17 municipality or county, the description of the venue project in the
18 proposition, if for improvements or additions to an existing park
19 or recreation facility, shall identify by name or location each
20 park or recreation facility and, if for acquisition and/or
21 improvement of a new park or recreation facility, the general
22 location within the municipality or county of the new park,
23 recreational system, or facility.

24 SECTION 3. Section 334.2515, Local Government Code, is
25 amended to read as follows:

26 Sec. 334.2515. APPLICATION. Except as provided by Section
27 334.2516, this subchapter does not apply to the financing of a venue

1 project that is[+]

2 ~~[(1) an area or facility that is part of a municipal~~
3 ~~parks and recreation system as described by Section 334.001(4)(D),~~
4 ~~or~~

5 ~~[(2)]~~ a project described by Section 334.001(4)(E),
6 except for projects described in Section 334.001(4)(A).

7 SECTION 4. Sections 334.008, 334.1015, and 334.2517, Local
8 Government Code, are repealed.

9 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
10 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
11 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
12 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
13 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.