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S.B. No. 884

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the authority of certain counties to use county revenue or incur debt to improve or redevelop certain sports facilities.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 330, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 330.002 to read as follows:

Sec. 330.002. LIMITATION ON AUTHORITY OF CERTAIN COUNTIES TO IMPROVE OR REDEVELOP CERTAIN SPORTS FACILITIES. (a) In this section:

(1) "County revenue" includes revenue from property taxes, hotel occupancy taxes, fees, and fines.

(2) "Obsolete sports facility" means a multipurpose arena, coliseum, or stadium designed to be used in part as a venue for professional sports events and that opened to the public before 1966.

(b) This section applies only to a county with a population of 3.3 million or more.

(c) A county may not fund, in whole or in part, the improvement or redevelopment of an obsolete sports facility with county revenue or debt if the improvement or redevelopment will cost \$10 million or more, unless the funding is approved by the voters of the county at an election held for that purpose.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

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1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
3 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.