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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1   AN ACT

2   relating to the authority of certain counties to create a county

3   development district.

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

5   SECTION 1. Section 383.002, Local Government Code, is

6   amended to read as follows:

7   Sec. 383.002. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. This chapter furthers

8   the public purpose of developing and diversifying the economy of

9   the counties of this state by providing incentives for the location

10   and development of projects [in certain counties] to attract

11   visitors and tourists.

12   SECTION 2. Sections 383.003(a) and (b), Local Government

13   Code, are amended to read as follows:

14   (a) Counties [Small and medium-sized counties] in this

15   state need incentives for the development of public improvements to

16   attract visitors and tourists. Counties in this state [to those

17   counties, and those counties] are at a disadvantage in competing

18   with counties in other states for the location and development of

19   projects that attract visitors by virtue of the availability and

20   prevalent use of financial incentives in other states.

21   (b) The means and measures authorized by this chapter are in

22   the public interest and serve a public purpose of this state in

23   promoting the economic welfare of the residents of this state by

24   providing incentives for the location and development [in certain

1 counties of this state] of projects that attract visitors and

2 tourists and that result in employment and economic activity.

3   SECTION 3. Section 383.021(a), Local Government Code, is

4 amended to read as follows:

5   (a) The commissioners court of a county [with a population

6 of 400,000 or less], on petition of the owners of land in a proposed

7 district, may commence the creation of a county development

8 district.

9   SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.