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H.B. No. 4505

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the authority of certain counties to create a county development district.

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

SECTION 1. Section 383.002, Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 383.002. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. This chapter furthers the public purpose of developing and diversifying the economy of the counties of this state by providing incentives for the location and development of projects [~~in certain counties~~] to attract visitors and tourists.

SECTION 2. Sections 383.003(a) and (b), Local Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) Counties [~~Small and medium-sized counties~~] in this state need incentives for the development of public improvements to attract visitors and tourists. Counties in this state [~~to those counties, and those counties~~] are at a disadvantage in competing with counties in other states for the location and development of projects that attract visitors by virtue of the availability and prevalent use of financial incentives in other states.

(b) The means and measures authorized by this chapter are in the public interest and serve a public purpose of this state in promoting the economic welfare of the residents of this state by 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.