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H.B. No. 1694

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a local option election on the sale of alcoholic beverages in certain areas of a municipality and the local regulation of premises in those areas.

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

SECTION 1. Section 251.742, Alcoholic Beverage Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (i) to read as follows:

(b) This section applies only to a municipality that:

(1) has a population of 15,000 or more~~[+]~~ and

~~[(2)]~~ is located in two counties one of which:

(A) has a population of 340,000 or more; and

(B) borders the Gulf of Mexico; or

(2) has a population of 240,000 or more and:

(A) is located in two or more counties; and

(B) borders a man-made lake that has a surface area of at least 20,000 acres.

(i) Subject to Chapter 211, Local Government Code, the governing body of the municipality may adopt zoning and land use regulations applicable to a premises that sells alcoholic beverages in the boundaries of a zone designated under this section.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.