

By: Morales of Maverick

H.B. No. 5246

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the creation of the Maverick County Regional Mobility Authority; authorizing a fee.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 370, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subchapter L to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER L. MAVERICK COUNTY REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY

Sec. 370.451. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "member county" means Maverick County

Sec. 370.452. NATURE OF AUTHORITY. (a) The Maverick County Regional Mobility Authority is an authority organized under this chapter.

(b) A provision of this chapter that requires the commission to approve the creation of an authority does not apply to the Maverick County Regional Mobility Authority.

Sec. 370.453. CONFLICTS WITH OTHER SUBCHAPTERS. In the case of a conflict between this subchapter and other provisions of this chapter or other law governing regional mobility authorities, this subchapter controls.

Sec. 370.454. MEMBER COUNTIES. (a) The Maverick County Regional Mobility Authority initially includes the following county:

(1) Maverick County;

Sec. 370.455. BOARD OF DIRECTORS; TERMS. (a) The governing

1 body of the Maverick County Regional Mobility Authority is a board  
2 of directors consisting of three representatives from the member  
3 county.

4 (b) The commissioners court of the member county shall  
5 appoint one director to serve on the board.

6 (c) The board shall elect either the director representing  
7 Maverick County or the director of a future participating county as  
8 the presiding officer. A director may not serve as presiding  
9 officer for more than two consecutive years.

10 (d) Directors serve two-year terms, with as near as possible  
11 to one-half of the directors' terms expiring on February 1 of each  
12 year.

13 Sec. 370.456. INITIAL DIRECTORS. (a) Of the initial  
14 directors, the terms of directors appointed to represent the  
15 participating county expire February 1, 2025.

16 (b) Section 370.455(d) does not apply to an initial  
17 director.

18 (c) This section expires September 1, 2027.

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20 SECTION 2. Sections 502.402(a) and (b-1), Transportation  
21 Code, are amended to read as follows:

22 (a) This section applies only to:

23 (1) a county that:

24 (A) borders the United Mexican States; and

25 (B) has a population of more than 250,000; ~~and~~

26 (2) a county that has a population of more than 1.5  
27 million that is coterminous with a regional mobility authority; and

1           (3) a member county of the Maverick County Regional  
2 Mobility Authority, as established under Subchapter L, Chapter 370.

3           (b-1) The commissioners court of a county described by  
4 Subsection (a)(1) or (2) [~~(a)~~] with a population of less than  
5 700,000 may increase the additional fee to an amount that does not  
6 exceed \$20 if approved by a majority of the qualified voters of the  
7 county voting on the issue at a referendum election, which the  
8 commissioners court may order and hold for that purpose.

9           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect January 1, 2024, but only  
10 if the constitutional amendment proposed by the 88th Legislature,  
11 Regular Session, 2023, to authorize the creation of a regional  
12 mobility authority by local law is approved by the voters. If that  
13 constitutional amendment is not approved by the voters, this Act  
14 has no effect.