

1-1 By: Muñoz (Senate Sponsor - Hinojosa of Hidalgo) H.B. No. 2731
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 19, 2025;
1-3 May 19, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Local
1-4 Government; May 26, 2025, reported adversely, with favorable
1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0;
1-6 May 26, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-7	COMMITTEE VOTE				
1-8		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-9	Bettencourt	X			
1-10	Middleton	X			
1-11	Cook	X			
1-12	Gutierrez	X			
1-13	Nichols	X			
1-14	Paxton	X			
1-15	West	X			

1-16 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 2731 By: Gutierrez

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the regulation of roadside vendors and solicitors in
1-20 certain counties.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Sections 285.001(b) and (c), Transportation
1-23 Code, are amended to read as follows:

1-24 (b) The commissioners court of a county with a population of
1-25 more than 200,000 ~~[870,000]~~ that borders the United Mexican States
1-26 by order may regulate the following activities in the
1-27 unincorporated areas of the county, provided that the activities
1-28 occur in a parking lot or on or in the right-of-way of a public
1-29 highway or road ~~[described by Subsection (a) in the manner~~
1-30 ~~described by that subsection, except that]:~~

1-31 (1) ~~the sale of items and the erection, maintenance,~~
1-32 ~~or placement of a structure by a vendor of live animals [the~~
1-33 ~~regulation of activities on or in the right-of-way of a public~~
1-34 ~~highway or road is limited to public highways and roads with a speed~~
1-35 ~~limit of 40 miles per hour or faster]; and~~

1-36 (2) ~~the solicitation of money [the county may not~~
1-37 ~~prohibit the sale of livestock].~~

1-38 (c) A county regulating vendors under Subsection (b):

1-39 (1) may require that a vendor be located not closer to
1-40 the edge of the public highway or road than a distance that is equal
1-41 to one-half the width of the right-of-way adjacent to the highway or
1-42 road; and

1-43 (2) may not adopt an order under Subsection (b)
1-44 prohibiting the sale of livestock.

1-45 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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