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H.B. No. 3241

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the authority of certain municipalities to receive  
3 certain tax revenue derived from a hotel and convention center  
4 project and to pledge certain tax revenue for the payment of  
5 obligations related to the project.

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

7 SECTION 1. Section 351.152, Tax Code, is amended to read as  
8 follows:

9 Sec. 351.152. APPLICABILITY. This subchapter applies only  
10 to:

11 (1) a municipality described by Section  
12 351.001(7)(B);

13 (2) a municipality described by Section  
14 351.001(7)(D);

15 (3) a municipality described by Section  
16 351.001(7)(E);

17 (4) a municipality described by Section  
18 351.102(e)(3);

19 (5) a municipality that contains more than 70 percent  
20 of the population of a county with a population of 1.5 million or  
21 more;

22 (6) a municipality with a population of 175,000 or  
23 more but less than 200,000 that is partially located in at least one  
24 county with a population of 125,000 or more;

1           (7) a municipality with a population of 250,000 or  
2 more but less than one million that is located in one county with a  
3 population of 2.5 million or more;

4           (8) a municipality with a population of 180,000 or  
5 more that:

6                   (A) is located in two counties, each with a  
7 population of 100,000 or more; and

8                   (B) contains an American Quarter Horse Hall of  
9 Fame and Museum;

10           (9) a municipality with a population of 96,000 or more  
11 that is located in a county that borders Lake Palestine;

12           (10) a municipality with a population of 96,000 or  
13 more that is located in a county that contains the headwaters of the  
14 San Gabriel River;

15           (11) a municipality with a population of at least  
16 95,000 that is located in a county that is bisected by United States  
17 Highway 385 and has a population of not more than 170,000;

18           (12) a municipality with a population of 110,000 or  
19 more but less than 135,000 at least part of which is located in a  
20 county with a population of less than 135,000;

21           (13) a municipality with a population of 28,000 or  
22 more but less than 31,000 that is located in two counties, each of  
23 which has a population of 900,000 or more and a southern border with  
24 a county with a population of 2.5 million or more;

25           (14) a municipality with a population of 200,000 or  
26 more but less than 300,000 that contains a component institution of  
27 the Texas Tech University System;

1           (15) a municipality with a population of 95,000 or  
2 more that:

3           (A) is located in more than one county; and

4           (B) borders Lake Lewisville;

5           (16) a municipality with a population of 45,000 or  
6 more that:

7           (A) contains a portion of Cedar Hill State Park;

8           (B) is located in two counties, one of which has a  
9 population of 2.5 million or more and one of which has a population  
10 of 190,000 or more; and

11           (C) has adopted a capital improvement plan for  
12 the construction or expansion of a convention center facility;

13           (17) a municipality with a population of less than  
14 10,000 that:

15           (A) is almost wholly located in a county with a  
16 population of 900,000 or more that is adjacent to a county with a  
17 population of 2.5 million or more;

18           (B) is partially located in a county with a  
19 population of 2.1 million or more that is adjacent to a county with  
20 a population of 2.5 million or more;

21           (C) has a visitor center and museum located in a  
22 19th-century rock building in the municipality's downtown; and

23           (D) has a waterpark open to the public;

24           (18) a municipality with a population of 60,000 or  
25 more that:

26           (A) borders Lake Ray Hubbard; and

27           (B) is located in two counties, one of which has a

1 population of less than 110,000;

2 (19) a municipality with a population of 110,000 or  
3 more that:

4 (A) borders Clear Lake; and

5 (B) is primarily located in a county with a  
6 population of less than 355,000;

7 (20) a municipality with a population of less than  
8 2,000 that:

9 (A) is located adjacent to a bay connected to the  
10 Gulf of Mexico;

11 (B) is located in a county with a population of  
12 290,000 or more that is adjacent to a county with a population of  
13 four million or more; and

14 (C) has a boardwalk on the bay;

15 (21) a municipality with a population of 75,000 or  
16 more that:

17 (A) is located wholly in one county with a  
18 population of 800,000 or more that is adjacent to a county with a  
19 population of four million or more; and

20 (B) has adopted a capital improvement plan for  
21 the construction or expansion of a convention center facility;

22 (22) a municipality with a population of less than  
23 70,000 that is located in three counties, at least one of which has  
24 a population of four million or more;

25 (23) an eligible coastal municipality with a  
26 population of 2,900 or more but less than 5,000;

27 (24) a municipality with a population of 90,000 or

1 more but less than 150,000 that:

2 (A) is located in three counties; and

3 (B) contains a branch campus of a component  
4 institution of the University of Houston System;

5 (25) a municipality that is:

6 (A) primarily located in a county with a  
7 population of four million or more; and

8 (B) connected by a bridge to a municipality  
9 described by Subdivision (20);

10 (26) a municipality with a population of 25,000 or  
11 more but less than 30,000 that:

12 (A) contains a portion of Mustang Bayou; and

13 (B) is wholly located in a county with a  
14 population of less than 500,000;

15 (27) a municipality with a population of 70,000 or  
16 more but less than 90,000 that is located in two counties, one of  
17 which has a population of four million or more and the other of  
18 which has a population of less than 50,000;

19 (28) a municipality with a population of 10,000 or  
20 more that:

21 (A) is wholly located in a county with a  
22 population of four million or more; and

23 (B) has a city hall located less than three miles  
24 from a space center operated by an agency of the federal government;

25 (29) a municipality that is the county seat of a  
26 county:

27 (A) through which the Pedernales River flows; and

1 (B) in which the birthplace of a president of the  
2 United States is located;

3 (30) a municipality that contains a portion of U.S.  
4 Highway 79 and State Highway 130;

5 (31) a municipality with a population of 70,000 or  
6 more but less than 115,000 that is located in two counties, one of  
7 which has a population of 1.1 million or more but less than 1.9  
8 million;

9 (32) a municipality with a population of less than  
10 25,000 that contains a museum of Western American art;

11 (33) a municipality with a population of 50,000 or  
12 more that is the county seat of a county that contains a portion of  
13 the Sam Houston National Forest;

14 (34) a municipality with a population of less than  
15 25,000 that:

16 (A) contains a cultural heritage museum; and

17 (B) is located in a county that borders the  
18 United Mexican States and the Gulf of Mexico;

19 (35) a municipality that is the county seat of a county  
20 that:

21 (A) has a population of 115,000 or more;

22 (B) is adjacent to a county with a population of  
23 2.1 million or more; and

24 (C) hosts an annual peach festival;

25 (36) a municipality that is the county seat of a county  
26 that:

27 (A) has a population of 800,000 or more; and

1 (B) is adjacent to a county with a population of  
2 four million or more;

3 (37) a municipality with a population of less than  
4 10,000 that:

5 (A) contains a component university of The Texas  
6 A&M University System; and

7 (B) is located in a county adjacent to a county  
8 that borders Oklahoma;

9 (38) a municipality with a population of less than  
10 17,000 that:

11 (A) is located in two counties, each of which has  
12 a population of 900,000 or more but less than two million; and

13 (B) hosts an annual Cajun Festival;

14 (39) a municipality with a population of 13,000 or  
15 more that:

16 (A) is located on an international border; and

17 (B) is located in a county:

18 (i) with a population of less than 400,000;

19 and

20 (ii) in which at least one World Birding  
21 Center site is located;

22 (40) a municipality with a population of 3,200 or more  
23 that:

24 (A) is located on an international border; and

25 (B) is located not more than five miles from a  
26 state historic site that serves as a visitor center for a state park  
27 that contains 300,000 or more acres of land;

1           (41) a municipality with a population of 36,000 or  
2 more that is adjacent to at least two municipalities described by  
3 Subdivision (15);

4           (42) a municipality with a population of 28,000 or  
5 more that is located in a county with a population of 240,000 or  
6 more that contains a portion of the Blanco River and in which is  
7 located a historic railroad depot and heritage center;

8           (43) a municipality located in a county that has a  
9 population of not more than 300,000 and in which a component  
10 university of the University of Houston System is located;

11           (44) a municipality with a population of less than  
12 500,000 that is:

13                   (A) located in two counties; and

14                   (B) adjacent to a municipality described by  
15 Subdivision (31);

16           (45) a municipality that:

17                   (A) has a population of more than 67,000; and

18                   (B) is located in two counties with 90 percent of  
19 the municipality's territory located in a county with a population  
20 of at least 800,000, and the remaining territory located in a county  
21 with a population of at least four million;

22           (46) a municipality that:

23                   (A) has a population of 100,000 or more; and

24                   (B) is wholly located in, but is not the county  
25 seat of, a county with a population of one million or more:

26                           (i) in which all or part of a municipality  
27 with a population of one million or more is located; and



1 (ii) that is adjacent to a county with a  
2 population of 2.5 million or more;

3 (47) a municipality that is the county seat of a county  
4 bordering the Gulf of Mexico and the United Mexican States;

5 (48) a municipality that is bisected by the Guadalupe  
6 River and is the county seat of a county with a population of  
7 170,000 or more;

8 (49) a municipality with a population of 70,000 or  
9 more but less than 150,000 that borders Joe Pool Lake;

10 (50) a municipality with a population of 115,000 or  
11 more that borders the Neches River;

12 (51) a municipality described by Section [351.101\(k\)](#);

13 (52) a municipality that is the county seat of a  
14 county:

15 (A) through which the Brazos River flows; and

16 (B) in which a national monument is located;

17 (53) a municipality with a population of 45,000 or  
18 more that:

19 (A) is not the county seat of a county;

20 (B) is located in a single county; and

21 (C) contains a portion of Lake Lewisville;

22 (54) a municipality that is the county seat of a county  
23 with a population of more than 900,000 that is adjacent to two  
24 counties, each of which has a population of more than 1.8 million;

25 (55) a municipality that hosts an annual wine festival  
26 and is located in three counties, each of which has a population of  
27 more than 900,000;

1           (56) a municipality that has a population of at least  
2 150,000 but less than 1,300,000 and is partially located in a county  
3 that contains a portion of Cedar Creek Reservoir;

4           (57) a municipality that is located in a county that  
5 contains a portion of Cedar Creek Reservoir and in which a private  
6 college is located;

7           (58) a municipality that is the county seat of a  
8 county:

9                   (A) with a population of one million or more;

10                   (B) in which all or part of a municipality with a  
11 population of one million or more is located; and

12                   (C) that is located adjacent to a county with a  
13 population of 2.5 million or more;

14           (59) a municipality that is the county seat of a county  
15 that contains a portion of Cedar Creek Reservoir and borders a  
16 county with a population of more than 240,000;

17           (60) a municipality with a population of more than  
18 80,000 but less than 150,000 that is located in a county with a  
19 population of more than 369,000 but less than 864,000 that contains  
20 part of an active duty United States Army installation;

21           (61) a municipality with a population of 750,000 or  
22 more that is located in a county with a population of 1.5 million or  
23 less;

24           (62) a municipality with a population of less than  
25 7,000 that contains a country music hall of fame;

26           (63) a municipality with a population of 35,000 or  
27 more that contains a railroad museum and is located in a county

1 that:

2 (A) has a population of 800,000 or more; and

3 (B) is adjacent to a county with a population of  
4 four million or more; [~~and~~]

5 (64) a municipality:

6 (A) that is the county seat of a county:

7 (i) with a population of 60,000 or less; and

8 (ii) that borders the Rio Grande; and

9 (B) in which is located a United States military  
10 fort listed in the National Register of Historic Places; and

11 (65) a municipality that is the county seat of a county  
12 that:

13 (A) has a population of 600,000 or more; and

14 (B) is adjacent to the county that contains the  
15 State Capitol.

16 SECTION 2. Section 351.157(b), Tax Code, is amended to read  
17 as follows:

18 (b) This section applies only to:

19 (1) a municipality described by Section 351.152(3);

20 (1-a) a municipality described by Section 351.152(5);

21 (2) a municipality described by Section 351.152(6);

22 (3) a municipality described by Section 351.152(7);

23 (4) a municipality described by Section 351.152(10);

24 (4-a) a municipality described by Section  
25 351.152(14);

26 (5) a municipality described by Section 351.152(16);

27 (6) a municipality described by Section 351.152(22);

- 1 (7) a municipality described by Section 351.152(25);  
2 (8) a municipality described by Section 351.152(34);  
3 (9) a municipality described by Section 351.152(35);  
4 (10) a municipality described by Section 351.152(36);  
5 (11) a municipality described by Section 351.152(38);  
6 (11-a) a municipality described by Section  
7 351.152(41);  
8 (12) a municipality described by Section 351.152(43);  
9 (13) a municipality described by Section 351.152(46);  
10 (14) a municipality described by Section 351.152(47);  
11 (15) a municipality described by Section 351.152(49);  
12 (16) a municipality described by Section 351.152(53);  
13 (17) a municipality described by Section 351.152(54);  
14 (18) a municipality described by Section 351.152(56);  
15 [~~and~~]  
16 (19) a municipality described by Section 351.152(58);  
17 and  
18 (20) a municipality described by Section 351.152(65).

19 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
20 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
21 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
22 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
23 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.