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3 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

4 AN ACT

5 relating to regional tollway authority projects located outside the
6 boundaries of the authority.

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

8 SECTION 1. Section 366.031, Transportation Code, is amended by
9 adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

10 (e) A county that is not part of an authority and in which an
11 authority turnpike project is located becomes part of the authority
12 on the date the authority determines that:

13 (1) recorded electronic toll collections at toll
14 assessment facilities located in the county are not less than four
15 percent of all recorded electronic toll collections on all of the
16 authority's turnpike projects; and

17 (2) the population of the county is at least four percent
18 of the aggregate population of all the counties of the authority.

19 SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 366, Transportation Code, is
20 amended by adding Section 366.0311 to read as follows:

21 Sec. 366.0311. ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR CERTAIN PROJECTS. (a) An
22 authority shall create an advisory committee at the time the

1 authority enters into the primary construction contract for a
2 turnpike project to be located in a county that is not part of an
3 authority to advise the board of directors on matters related to
4 projects located in counties that are not part of the authority.

5 (b) The advisory committee is composed of the following members:

6 (1) the director appointed by the governor who will serve
7 as the chair of the advisory committee;

8 (2) an additional director appointed by the presiding
9 officer of the board of directors as the presiding officer deems
10 appropriate; and

11 (3) one member from each county that is not part of an
12 authority and in which a project is located appointed by the
13 commissioners court of that county.

14 (c) An advisory committee member appointed under subsection
15 (b)(3) is not a director of the authority for the purposes of Section
16 366.251 or any other purpose.

17 (d) The board of directors may adopt rules governing the
18 operations and duties of an advisory committee.

19 SECTION 3. Section 366.161, Transportation Code, is amended to
20 read as follows:

21 Sec. 366.161. TURNPIKE PROJECTS EXTENDING INTO OTHER COUNTIES.

22 An authority may acquire, construct, operate, maintain, expand, or
23 extend a turnpike project in:

24 (1) a county that is a part of the authority; or

1 (2) subject to Section 366.031(e), a county in which the
2 authority operates or is constructing a turnpike project if the
3 turnpike project in the affected county is a continuation of the
4 authority's turnpike project or system extending from an adjacent
5 county.

6 SECTION 4. Section 366.251(c), Transportation Code, is amended
7 to read as follows:

8 (c) In addition to directors appointed by a commissioners court
9 under Subsection (b), the commissioners courts of each county that
10 created the authority under Section 366.031 [~~of the authority~~] shall
11 appoint one additional director [~~if the county is:~~

12 ~~(1)] a county that created the authority under Section~~
13 ~~366.031; or~~

14 ~~(2) a county in which all or part of a turnpike project~~
15 ~~of not less than 10 centerline miles in length is located and has~~
16 ~~been open for use by the traveling public for at least three years].~~

17 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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