

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the authority of certain counties to create or finance
3 museums.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subtitle B, Title 10, Local Government Code, is
6 amended by adding Chapter 330 to read as follows:

7 CHAPTER 330. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

8 Sec. 330.001. OPERATION AND FINANCING OF COUNTY MUSEUMS.

9 (a) This section applies only to a county that has substantial
10 urban areas and borders on an international boundary. For the
11 purposes of this subsection, a county has substantial urban areas
12 only if at least four municipalities, each with a population of more
13 than 25,000, are located in the county.

14 (b) A county may construct or operate a museum in the county
15 to display, construct, restore, preserve, maintain, or reconstruct
16 buildings, works of art, and related furnishings for exhibitions.

17 (c) A county may contract with an entity operating a museum
18 in the county to provide the museum described by Subsection (b). To
19 be eligible to enter into the contract, the entity must be:

20 (1) organized under the Texas Non-Profit Corporation
21 Act (Article 1396-1.01 et seq., Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes); and

22 (2) accredited by a nationally recognized association
23 of museums acceptable to the county.

24 (d) As part of the contract, the commissioners court may

1 appropriate money from the general fund of the county to the museum
2 to purchase, display, construct, restore, preserve, maintain,
3 operate, or reconstruct a building, work of art, or related
4 furnishings used by the museum to further its exhibitions or
5 operations and to promote county purposes under this chapter.

6 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
7 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
8 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
9 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
10 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

David Dewhurst

President of the Senate

Jim Caddick

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2796 was passed by the House on April 27, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 133, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Robert Haney
Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2796 was passed by the Senate on May 21, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Date

RICK PERRY

Governor

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Roger Williams
Secretary of State