(2) accept information relating to a child that serves a purpose of the pilot project, regardless of whether other state law makes that information confidential; and

(3) before sharing information under this section, enter into a memorandum of understanding with another local or state governmental entity to specify:

(A) the types of information that may be exchanged among agencies under this section without violating any applicable provisions of federal law, including any federal funding requirements; and

(B) the protocols for information sharing, including methods for ensuring the continued protection of confidential information by the recipient of the information.

(d) This section does not affect the confidential status of the information being shared.

(e) The department may use funds for crisis prevention programs in collaboration with funds from local authorities, including school districts and criminal justice agencies, to implement the pilot project.

(f) Not later than December 1, 2010, the local mental health authority involved in the pilot project shall submit a report to the department regarding the local behavioral health intervention pilot project, including:

(1) a comprehensive analysis of the efficacy of the project; and

(2) the local authority's findings and recommendations.

(g) In implementing the pilot project, the Department of State Health Services shall ensure that a parent of a child involved in the project is provided with reasonable, standardized complaint procedures for making complaints regarding the pilot project or an agency or provider involved in the pilot project.

(h) The Department of State Health Services shall ensure that the pilot project:

(1) is operated without regard to the race, color, disability, sex, age, national origin, or religion of the individuals involved in the pilot project; and

(2) does not disproportionately target or negatively impact minorities.

(i) This section does not authorize the implementation of school-based mental health screening.

(j) This Act expires September 1, 2011.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

Passed by the House on April 9, 2009: Yeas 148, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1232 on May 21, 2009: Yeas 138, Nays 2, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 18, 2009: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

Approved June 19, 2009.

Effective September 1, 2009.

CHAPTER 357

H.B. No. 1255

AN ACT

relating to an interlocal contract for a relief highway route around certain municipalities.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 791, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 791.034 to read as follows:

Sec. 791.034. INTERLOCAL CONTRACT FOR RELIEF HIGHWAY ROUTE AROUND CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES. (a) The governing body of a municipality located in a county in which is located a facility licensed to dispose of low-level radioactive waste under Chapter 401, Health and Safety Code, may enter into an interlocal contract with the county
Ch. 357, § 1 81st LEGISLATURE—REGULAR SESSION

for the construction and maintenance of a relief highway route around and outside the
boundaries of the municipality that the governing body determines will serve a public
purpose of the municipality.

(b) The municipality may expend municipal funds and may issue certificates of obli-
gation or bonds to pay for expenses associated with a relief highway route under Subsection
(a).

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the
members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If
this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect
September 1, 2009.

Passed by the House on April 22, 2009: Yeas 149, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; passed
by the Senate on May 22, 2009: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Approved June 19, 2009.


CHAPTER 358

H.B. No. 1256

AN ACT
relating to requiring the posting of notice of voter complaint information at a polling place.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Chapter 62, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 62.0112 to read as
follows:

Sec. 62.0112. NOTICE OF VOTER COMPLAINT INFORMATION. (a) At one or more
locations in the polling place easily visible to voters, the presiding judge shall post notice in
a form prescribed by the secretary of state that informs voters of who to call or write to if a
voter has a complaint about the conduct of the election.

(b) The title of the notice must read “Voter Complaint Information” and must be printed
in at least 100-point Times New Roman font. The notice must:

(1) include the telephone number for the voting rights hotline established by the
secretary of state under Section 31.0055;

(2) include any available telephone number dedicated to reporting complaints about the
local election official that is administering the election; and

(3) include mailing addresses or Internet websites, as available, to which voters may
direct complaints to the federal, state, or local governments about the conduct of elections.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

Passed by the House on May 5, 2009: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; passed
by the Senate on May 26, 2009: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 19, 2009.

Effective September 1, 2009.

CHAPTER 359

H.B. No. 1257

AN ACT
relating to the payment in installments of ad valorem taxes on certain property owned by a business
entity and located in a disaster area and to the ad valorem taxation of a residence homestead rendered
uninhabitable or unusable by a casualty or by wind or water damage.