(2) the date the revenue pledged to the hotel project equals 40 percent of the hotel project's total construction cost.

SECTION 2. Subsection (b), Section 1504.001, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) An eligible central municipality, as defined by Section 351.001, Tax Code, or a municipality with a population of 173,000 or more that is located within two counties may establish, acquire, lease as lessee or lessor, construct, improve, enlarge, equip, repair, operate, or maintain a hotel, and any facilities ancillary to the hotel, including shops and parking facilities, that are owned by or located on land owned by the municipality or by a nonprofit corporation acting on behalf of the municipality, and that is located within 1,000 feet of a convention center facility owned by the municipality.

SECTION 3. Subsection (b), Section 1504.002, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) An eligible central municipality, as defined by Section 351.001, Tax Code, or a municipality with a population of 173,000 or more that is located within two counties by ordinance may issue bonds or incur other obligations to acquire, lease, construct, or equip a facility described by Section 1504.001(b).

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

Passed the Senate on April 16, 2009: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House on May 26, 2009: Yeas 141, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Approved June 19, 2009.

Effective September 1, 2009.

CHAPTER 520

S.B. No. 1208

AN ACT relating to the creation of an appellate judicial system for the Seventh Court of Appeals District.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 22, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 22.2081 to read as follows:

Sec. 22.2081. APPELLATE JUDICIAL SYSTEM. (a) The commissioners court of each county in the Seventh Court of Appeals District, by order entered in its minutes, shall establish an appellate judicial system to:

(1) assist the court of appeals for the county in the disposition of appeals filed with the court of appeals from the county courts, statutory county courts, probate courts, and district courts; and

(2) defray costs and expenses incurred by the county under Section 22.208.

(b) To fund the system, the commissioners court shall set a court costs fee of $5 for each civil suit filed in a county court, statutory county court, probate court, or district court in the county.

(c) The court costs fee does not apply to a suit filed by the county or to a suit for delinquent taxes.

(d) The court costs fee shall be taxed, collected, and paid as other court costs in a suit. The clerk of the court shall collect the court costs fee set under this section and pay it to the county officer who performs the county treasurer's functions. That officer shall deposit the fee in a separate appellate judicial system fund for the court of appeals district. The fund may not be used for any other purpose. The chief justice of the court of appeals has sole discretion as to the use of the fund.
(e) The commissioners court shall monthly order the funds collected under this section to be forwarded to the court of appeals for expenditures by the court of appeals for its appellate judicial system.

(f) The commissioners court shall vest management of the system in the chief justice of the court of appeals.

SECTION 2. Subchapter D, Chapter 101, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 101.06115 to read as follows:

Sec. 101.06115. ADDITIONAL DISTRICT COURT FEES: GOVERNMENT CODE. The clerk of a district court in the Seventh Court of Appeals District shall collect an appellate judicial system filing fee of $5 under Section 22.2081, Government Code.

SECTION 3. Subchapter E, Chapter 101, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 101.08114 to read as follows:

Sec. 101.08114. ADDITIONAL STATUTORY COUNTY COURT FEES: GOVERNMENT CODE. The clerk of a statutory county court in the Seventh Court of Appeals District shall collect an appellate judicial system filing fee of $5 under Section 22.2081, Government Code.

SECTION 4. Subchapter F, Chapter 101, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 101.10114 to read as follows:

Sec. 101.10114. ADDITIONAL STATUTORY PROBATE COURT FEES: GOVERNMENT CODE. The clerk of a statutory probate court in the Seventh Court of Appeals District shall collect an appellate judicial system filing fee of $5 under Section 22.2081, Government Code.

SECTION 5. Subchapter G, Chapter 101, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 101.12123 to read as follows:

Sec. 101.12123. ADDITIONAL COUNTY COURT FEES: GOVERNMENT CODE. The clerk of a county court in a county in the Seventh Court of Appeals District shall collect an appellate judicial system filing fee of $5 under Section 22.2081, Government Code.

SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

Passed the Senate on April 8, 2009: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House on May 26, 2009: Yeas 136, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Approved June 19, 2009.

Effective September 1, 2009.

CHAPTER 521

S.B. No. 1209

AN ACT
relating to the Middle Trinity Groundwater Conservation District.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2, Chapter 1362, Acts of the 77th Legislature, Regular Session, 2001, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2. DEFINITIONS [DEFINITION]. In this Act:
(1) "Board" means the district’s board of directors.
(2) "Director" means a board member.
(3) "District" means the Middle Trinity Groundwater Conservation District.

SECTION 2. Section 6, Chapter 1362, Acts of the 77th Legislature, Regular Session, 2001, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:

(a) Except as provided by Sections [Section] 10, 11A, and 11B of this Act, the district is governed by a board of six directors.