

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

The City of McAllen (McAllen) purchased its first international bridge over the Rio Grande between the City of Reynosa, Mexico (Reynosa) and the City of Hidalgo, Texas (Hidalgo) in 1960. McAllen was authorized to issue debt and to vest the management control of the bridge system in the city's governing body or a board of trustees. McAllen entered into an interlocal agreement with Hidalgo whereby the mayor of Hidalgo served on the bridge board of trustees. McAllen has issued debt and has maintained the continuance of the bridge board of trustees.

McAllen is now proposing to build a new international bridge crossing which will connect Reynosa, McAllen, and the City of Mission, Texas (Mission). McAllen has entered into another interlocal agreement with Mission and Hidalgo relating to the creation of a bridge board of trustees, such that now McAllen, under two interlocal agreements, has two international bridge boards of trustees. In order to finance the construction of the new international bridge crossing and meet the financial requirement for the issuance of debt, some believe that McAllen must treat both bridges and the operations as one system. C.S.H.B. 3303 validates the administrative proceedings and acts that McAllen has already taken to authorize the creation of the two boards of trustees.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. (a) Provides that all governmental acts and proceedings of the City of McAllen authorizing the creation of the two boards of trustees, conveying real property to the United States for construction of federal facilities relating to toll bridges, and providing for the management and control of the international bridge system that includes the Hidalgo-McAllen-Reynosa International Bridge and the Anzalduas International Crossing, are validated as of the dates on which they occurred.

(b) Provides that this Act does not apply to any matter that, on the effective date of this Act, is involved in litigation if the litigation ultimately results in the matter being held invalid by a final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction or has been held invalid by a final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2003.