ARTICLE 4. GENERAL MATTERS

SECTION 4.01. LEGISLATIVE INTENT OF NO SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE. This Act is enacted under Section 43, Article III, Texas Constitution. This Act is intended as a codification only, and no substantive change in the law is intended by this Act. This Act does not increase or decrease the territory of any special district of the state as those boundaries exist on the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 4.02. PRESERVATION OF VALIDATION MADE BY PREVIOUS LAW.
(a) The repeal of a law, including a validating law, by this Act does not remove, void, or otherwise affect in any manner a validation under the repealed law. The validation is preserved and continues to have the same effect that it would have if the law were not repealed.

(b) Subsection (a) of this section does not diminish the saving provisions prescribed by Section 311.031, Government Code.

SECTION 4.03. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect April 1, 2015.

Passed the Senate on April 4, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House on May 2, 2013: Yeas 147, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Approved May 18, 2013.

Effective April 1, 2015.

CHAPTER 113

S.B. No. 1041

AN ACT
relating to authorizing certain counties to impose a hotel occupancy tax.

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

SECTION 1. Section 352.002, Tax Code, is amended by adding Subsection (r) to read as follows:

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(r) The commissioners court of a county with a population of less than 50,000 through which the Aransas River flows and that has a municipality with a population of more than 10,000 may impose a tax as provided by Subsection (a).

SECTION 2. Section 352.003, Tax Code, is amended by adding Subsection (s) to read as follows:

(s) The county tax rate in a county authorized to impose the tax under Section 352.002(r) may not exceed two percent of the price paid for a room in a hotel if the hotel is located in a municipality that imposes a tax under Chapter 351 applicable to that hotel.

SECTION 3. Subchapter B, Chapter 352, Tax Code, is amended by adding Section 352.1039 to read as follows:

Sec. 352.1039. USE OF REVENUE: CERTAIN COUNTIES THROUGH WHICH ARANSAS RIVER FLOWS. The revenue from a tax imposed under this chapter by a county authorized to impose the tax under Section 352.002(r) may be used only to:

(1) operate, maintain, and improve a convention center in the county; and

(2) advertise and conduct solicitations and promotional programs to attract tourists and convention delegates and registrants to the county.

SECTION 4. 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, 2013.

Passed the Senate on April 11, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House on May 2, 2013: Yeas 147, Nays 0, two present not voting.

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CHAPTER 114

S.B. No. 1110

AN ACT
relating to the purposes and designation of a transportation reinvestment zone.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 222, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 222.1001 to read as follows:

Sec. 222.1001. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, “transportation project” has the meaning assigned by Section 370.003.

SECTION 2. Section 222.105, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 222.105. PURPOSES. The purposes of Sections 222.106 and 222.107 are to:

(1) promote public safety;

(2) facilitate the improvement, development, or redevelopment of property;

(3) facilitate the movement of traffic; and

(4) enhance a local entity’s ability to sponsor a transportation project [authorized under Section 222.104].

SECTION 3. Subsections (b), (c), (g), (i), (i–1), (i–2), and (j), Section 222.106, Transportation Code, are amended to read as follows:

(b) This section applies only to a municipality in which a transportation project is to be developed under Section 222.104 or 222.108.

(c) If the governing body determines an area to be unproductive and underdeveloped and that action under this section will further the purposes stated in Section 222.105, the governing body of the municipality by ordinance may designate a contiguous geographic area