CHAPTER 1233

S.B. No. 1729

AN ACT

relating to an agreement between the Department of Public Safety and a county for the provision of renewal and duplicate driver's license and other identification certificate services; authorizing a fee.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 521, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 521.008 to read as follows:

Sec. 521.008. PILOT PROGRAM REGARDING THE PROVISION OF RENEWAL AND DUPLICATE DRIVER'S LICENSE AND OTHER IDENTIFICATION CERTIFICATE SERVICES. (a) The department may establish a pilot program for the provision of renewal and duplicate driver's license, election identification certificate, and personal identification certificate services in:

(1) not more than three counties with a population of 50,000 or less;

(2) not more than three counties with a population of more than 50,000 but less than 1,000,001;

(3) not more than two counties with a population of more than one million; and

(4) notwithstanding Subdivisions (1)-(3), any county in which the department operates a driver's license office as a scheduled or mobile office.

(a-1) Under the pilot program, the department may enter into an agreement with the commissioners court of a county to permit county employees to provide services at a county office relating to the issuance of renewal and duplicate driver's licenses, election identification certificates, and personal identification certificates, including:

(1) taking photographs;

(2) administering vision tests;

(3) updating a driver's license, election identification certificate, or personal identification certificate to change a name, address, or photograph;

(4) distributing and collecting information relating to donations under Section 521.401;

(5) collecting fees; and

(6) performing other basic ministerial functions and tasks necessary to issue renewal and duplicate driver's license, election identification certificates, and personal identification certificates.

(b) An agreement under Subsection (a-1) may not include training to administer an examination for driver's license applicants under Subchapter H.

(c) A participating county must remit to the department for deposit as required by this chapter fees collected for the issuance of a renewal or duplicate driver's license or personal identification certificate.

(d) The commissioners court of a county may provide services through any consenting county office. A county office may decline or consent to provide services under this section by providing written notice to the commissioners court.
(e) The department shall provide all equipment and supplies necessary to perform the
services described by Subsection (a-1), including network connectivity.

(f) The department shall adopt rules to administer this section.

SECTION 2. Subchapter R, Chapter 521, Transportation Code, is amended by adding
Section 521.428 to read as follows:

Sec. 521.428. COUNTY FEE. A county that provides services under an agreement
described by Section 521.008 may collect an additional fee of up to $5 for each transaction
provided that relates to driver’s license and personal identification certificate services only.

SECTION 3. 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 16, 2013: Yeas 29, Nays 0; the Senate concurred in House
amendment on May 23, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House, with amend-
ment, on May 20, 2013: Yeas 140, Nays 0, one present not voting.

Approved June 14, 2013.

Effective June 14, 2013.

CHAPTER 1234

S.B. No. 1730

AN ACT

relating to comprehensive development agreements of the Texas Department of Transportation or a
regional mobility authority.

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

SECTION 1. Subsections (a), (b), (f), (g), (i), (k), and (l), Section 223.201, Transporta-
tion Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) Subject to Section 223.202, the department may enter into a comprehensive develop-
ment agreement with a private entity to design, develop, finance, construct, maintain, repair,
operate, extend, or expand a:

(1) toll project;

(2) state highway improvement project that includes both tolled and nontolled lanes and
may include nontolled appurtenant facilities;

(3) state highway improvement project in which the private entity has an interest in the
project; 

(4) state highway improvement project financed wholly or partly with the proceeds of
private activity bonds, as defined by Section 141(a), Internal Revenue Code of 1986; or

(5) nontolled state highway improvement project authorized by the legislature.

(b) In this subchapter, “comprehensive development agreement” means an agreement that,
at a minimum, provides for the design and construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation,
expansion, or improvement of a project described in Subsection (a) and may also provide for
the financing, acquisition, maintenance, or operation of a project described in Subsection (a).

(f) The department may enter into a comprehensive development agreement only for all or
part of:

(1) the State Highway 99 (Grand Parkway) project;

(2) the Interstate Highway 35E managed lanes project in Dallas and Denton Counties
from Interstate Highway 635 to U.S. Highway 380;

(3) the Interstate Highway 35W project in Tarrant County from Interstate Highway 30
to State Highway 114 (North Tarrant Express project in Tarrant and Dallas Counties,
including...