S.B. No. 573 1-1 By: Campbell (In the Senate - Filed February 13, 2015; February 23, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Intergovernmental Relations; May 20, 2015, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 4, Nays 3; May 20, 2015, sent to printer.) 1-2 1-3 1-4 1-5

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	Lucio		X		
1-9	Bettencourt	X			
1-10	Campbell	Χ			
1-11	Garcia		Χ		
1-12	Menéndez		Χ		
1-13	Nichols	Χ			
1-14	Taylor of Galveston	Χ			

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED 1-15 1-16 AN ACT

1-17 1-18 relating to the issuance of certain capital appreciation bonds by political subdivisions.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 1201, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 1201.0245 to read as follows:

Sec. 1201.0245. ISSUANCE OF CAPITAL APPRECIATION BONDS BY GOVERNMENTS. (a) In this section, "capital appreciation "capital appreciation bond" means a bond that accrues and compounds interest from its date of delivery, the interest on which by its terms is payable only upon maturity or prior redemption.

The total amount of capital appreciation bonds issued by a county, municipality, special district, school district, junior college district, or other political subdivision that are secured by ad valorem taxes may not exceed 25 percent of the political subdivision's total outstanding bonded indebtedness at the time of the issuance, including the amount of principal and interest to be paid on the outstanding bonds until maturity.

(c) Subsection (b) does not apply to the issuance of:

(1) refunding bonds under Chapter 1207; or

(2) capital appreciation bonds financing

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transportation projects.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act does not affect the validity of capital appreciation bonds issued before the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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