

1-1 By: Kolkhorst S.B. No. 535
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed January 19, 2017; January 23, 2017,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Administration;
1-4 January 24, 2017, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 7, Nays 0; January 24, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to the creation, purpose, implementation, and funding of
1-18 the County Park Beautification and Improvement Program.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-20 SECTION 1. Subtitle B, Title 10, Local Government Code, is
1-21 amended by adding Chapter 328 to read as follows:

1-22 CHAPTER 328. COUNTY PARK BEAUTIFICATION AND IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

1-23 Sec. 328.001. PURPOSE; CREATION. It is the intent of the
1-24 legislature that each county dedicating land for use as county
1-25 parks be encouraged to beautify and improve those parks through
1-26 measures including but not limited to improvements in or additions
1-27 to lighting, directional and educational signs, litter abatement
1-28 strategies, and landscaping and landscape maintenance policies. In
1-29 furtherance of these goals, the County Park Beautification and
1-30 Improvement Program is established.

1-31 Sec. 328.002. IMPLEMENTATION. The commissioners court of a
1-32 county may by majority vote elect to participate in the program. On
1-33 such election, the commissioners court shall designate one person
1-34 in the division of the county government responsible for the care
1-35 and maintenance of the county parks as the coordinator for the
1-36 program. The coordinator may solicit advice and assistance from
1-37 state and county agencies and private organizations in developing
1-38 and implementing the program.

1-39 Sec. 328.003. REPORT; ADOPTION. The coordinator shall
1-40 report to the commissioners court the coordinator's findings and
1-41 shall recommend an implementation strategy to the commissioners
1-42 court. The commissioners court may reject or adopt the
1-43 implementation strategy. If the commissioners court rejects the
1-44 strategy, it shall specify to the coordinator the reasons for such
1-45 rejection, and the coordinator shall develop a new implementation
1-46 strategy to present to the commissioners court within six months of
1-47 the rejection. On adoption of an implementation strategy, the
1-48 commissioners court may fund the program as provided in Section
1-49 328.004.

1-50 Sec. 328.004. FUNDING. The commissioners court of a county
1-51 electing to participate in the program may solicit and accept
1-52 bequests, donations, grants, and other money, goods, and services
1-53 from federal, state, and private sources to finance and further the
1-54 goals of the program but may not levy any tax or receive any
1-55 legislative appropriation to fund such participation. The state is
1-56 not liable for debts or other obligations incurred by a county in
1-57 implementing or planning to implement the program under this
1-58 chapter.

1-59 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-60 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-61 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

2-1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-2 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the
2-3 legislative session.

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