

1-1 By: Paul (Senate Sponsor - Taylor) H.B. No. 303  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 3, 2019;  
 1-3 April 4, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Natural  
 1-4 Resources & Economic Development; May 6, 2019, reported adversely,  
 1-5 with favorable Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas  
 1-6 11, Nays 0; May 6, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	X			
1-10	X			
1-11	X			
1-12	X			
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1-14	X			
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1-20 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 303 By: Miles

1-21 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-22 AN ACT

1-23 relating to entities eligible to authorize the creation of  
 1-24 spaceport development corporations and to the powers of those  
 1-25 corporations.

1-26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-27 SECTION 1. Section 507.003, Local Government Code, is  
 1-28 amended to read as follows:

1-29 Sec. 507.003. AUTHORITY TO CREATE CORPORATION BY ELIGIBLE  
 1-30 ENTITIES. The following entities are eligible to authorize the  
 1-31 creation under this subtitle of a spaceport development  
 1-32 corporation:

- 1-33 (1) a county; [~~e~~]
- 1-34 (2) a municipality with a population of two million or  
 1-35 more; or
- 1-36 (3) a combination of one or more municipalities and  
 1-37 one or more counties.

1-38 SECTION 2. Section 507.051, Local Government Code, is  
 1-39 amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (b-1) to  
 1-40 read as follows:

1-41 (b) If a single county authorizes the creation of a  
 1-42 spaceport development corporation, the commissioners court of the  
 1-43 county shall appoint the directors of the corporation. If a single  
 1-44 municipality authorizes the creation of a spaceport development  
 1-45 corporation under Section 507.003(2), the governing body of the  
 1-46 municipality shall appoint the directors of the corporation.

1-47 (b-1) If more than one political subdivision authorizes the  
 1-48 creation of a spaceport development corporation, the governing  
 1-49 bodies of the political subdivisions shall appoint the directors  
 1-50 through written agreement between the governing bodies.

1-51 SECTION 3. Section 507.103, Local Government Code, is  
 1-52 amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to  
 1-53 read as follows:

1-54 (a) This section does not apply to a spaceport development  
 1-55 corporation whose authorizing entity is a single municipality with  
 1-56 a population of two million or more.

1-57 (a-1) A spaceport development corporation may exercise the  
 1-58 power of eminent domain to acquire property for a spaceport,  
 1-59 including the power to:

- 1-60 (1) acquire fee title in land condemned;

2-1 (2) relocate or modify a railroad, utility line,  
2-2 pipeline, or other facility that may interfere with a spaceport; or  
2-3 (3) impose a reasonable restriction on using the  
2-4 surface of the property for mineral development if the corporation  
2-5 does not own the mineral rights.  
2-6 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
2-7 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
2-8 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
2-9 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
2-10 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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