

CHAPTER 105

H.B. No. 2216

An Act relating to the authority of cities to establish industrial districts in areas in which the tourist industry is located.

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

SECTION 1. Section 5, Municipal Annexation Act (Article 970a, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 5. **INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS.** The governing body of any city shall have the right, power, and authority to designate any part of the area located in its extraterritorial jurisdiction as an industrial district, as the term is customarily used, *but also including any area in which tourist related businesses and facilities are located*, and to treat with such area from time to time as such governing body may deem to be in the best interest of the city. Included in such rights and powers of the governing body of any city is the permissive right and power to enter into contracts or agreements with the owner or owners of land in such industrial district to guarantee the continuation of the extraterritorial status of such district, and its immunity from annexation by the city for a period of time not to exceed seven (7) years, and upon such other terms and considerations as the parties might deem appropriate. Such contracts or agreements shall be evidenced in writing and may be renewed or extended for successive periods not to exceed seven (7) years each by such governing body and the owner or owners of land in such industrial district. Existing contracts or agreements of such nature, recognized in or evidenced by an ordinance or resolution of the governing body of the contracting town or city, are hereby in all respects validated as of the date they were made, for the extent of their term or for seven (7) years from the date made, whichever is shorter.

SECTION 2. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed by the House on April 18, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 139, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 9, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved: May 15, 1985

Effective: Immediately