



**RESOLUTION NO. 20170124-10**

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE TO AMEND  
THE AUTHORIZATION STATUTE OF TEXAMERICAS CENTER**

**WHEREAS**, TexAmericas Center is a political subdivision of the State of Texas with the powers and authorities specified in Chapter 3503 of the Special District Local Laws Code of the State of Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, TexAmericas Center owns the largest industrial and redevelopment park in Northeast Texas and thus has a major impact upon the regional redevelopment efforts of not only TexAmericas Center but of surrounding cities and counties and their industrial development corporations; and

**WHEREAS**, TexAmericas Center desires to promote regional economic development and job creation not only upon its specific property but also in Bowie County and its adjoining counties; and

**WHEREAS**, TexAmericas Center believes that a regional economic development approach in cooperation with other governmental and private entities will attract businesses and jobs to the region which will in turn enhance the redevelopment of, and job creation upon, the property of TexAmericas Center; and

**WHEREAS**, TexAmericas Center believes that it is in the best interest of TexAmericas Center, the citizens of Bowie County and the region, that TexAmericas Center request certain amendments be made to Chapter 3503 of the Texas Special District Local Laws Code to more clearly define the ability and purpose of TexAmericas Center to support regional economic development and job creation;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved, by the Board of Directors of TexAmericas Center that it requests the Texas Legislature to amend Chapter 3503 of the Texas Special District Local Laws Code to modify the statute as follows:

1. Authorize TexAmericas Center to promote economic development and job creation in Bowie County and its adjoining counties; and
2. Authorize TexAmericas Center to incorporate one or more nonprofit corporations to exercise the powers granted to the Authority, including but not limited to undertaking projects on behalf of the Authority.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Executive Director/CEO shall be and he is hereby authorized to take such actions as may be necessary to work with the Representatives in the Legislature to accomplish the amendments to the statute.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that TexAmericas Center publish a local notice of the proposed Legislation.

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 24<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017.**

  
Denis Washington, Chairman of the Board

**ATTEST:**

  
Melford Pierce, Secretary

Attachment: H.B. No. 967

## **NOTICE OF INTENT TO INTRODUCE A BILL IN THE LEGISLATURE**

Notice is hereby given that TexAmericas Center intends to requests the introduction of a Bill in the 2017 Regular Session of the 85<sup>th</sup> Legislature of the State of Texas, the general purposes, nature and substance of which are as follows:

1. Authorize TexAmericas Center to incorporate one or more non-profit corporations to exercise the powers granted to the authority, including but not limited to undertaking a project on behalf of TexAmericas Center as authorized by Section 3503 003(a)(3) of the Special District Local Laws Code.
2. Authorize TexAmericas Center to promote economic development and job creation in the region outside the boundaries of the Authority.

This general description of the provisions to be contained in such Bill is not intended to be exclusive but only to express the general purpose, nature and substance thereof. The Bill may also contain other provisions and confer other powers in connection with the general purpose, nature and substance stated above.

This Notice is given in accordance with the requirements of Article III, Section 57 and Article XVI, Section 59(d) of the Texas Constitution and Section 313.002 of the Texas Government Code.

Denis Washington, Chairman  
Board of Directors  
TEXAMERICAS CENTER

By: VanDeaver

H.B. No. 967

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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AN ACT

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relating to the powers of the Texamericas Center.

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

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SECTION 1. Section 3503.003(a), Special District Local Laws Code, is amended to read as follows:

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(a) The authority is created to:

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(1) accept title on approval by, and in coordination with, the governor to all or a portion of the property on, adjacent to, or related to the property described by Section 3503.004 from the United States;

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(2) promote the location and development of new businesses, industries, and commercial activities on or related to the property;

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(3) undertake a project the board considers necessary or incidental to the industrial, commercial, or business development, redevelopment, maintenance, and expansion of new or existing businesses on and for the property described by Section 3503.004, including the acquisition, construction, operation, maintenance, repair, rehabilitation, replacement, improvement, extension, expansion, or enhancement of:

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(A) roads, bridges, and rights-of-way;

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(B) housing;

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(C) property;

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(D) police, fire, medical, cultural,

1 educational, and research services, equipment, institutions, and  
2 resources;

3 (E) other community support services;

4 (F) flood control, water, wastewater treatment,  
5 natural gas, electricity, solid waste disposal, steam generation,  
6 communications, and all other utility facilities and services;

7 (G) other infrastructure improvements; and

8 (H) any other services or facilities acquired by  
9 the authority from the United States;

10 (4) promote or support an active military base located  
11 in the same county as the authority to prevent closure or  
12 realignment of the base and attract new military missions to the  
13 base; ~~and~~

14 (5) exercise the powers granted to a conservation and  
15 reclamation district under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas  
16 Constitution; and

17 (6) promote regional economic development and job  
18 creation inside and outside of the district's boundaries.

19 SECTION 2. Subchapter C, Chapter 3503, Special District  
20 Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Section 3503.112 to read as  
21 follows:

22 Sec. 3503.112. NONPROFIT CORPORATIONS FOR SPECIAL  
23 PROJECTS. (a) The authority may authorize by resolution the  
24 creation of a nonprofit corporation under the Business  
25 Organizations Code solely to undertake on behalf of the authority a  
26 project described by Section 3503.003(a)(3).

27 (b) The board shall appoint the board of directors of each

1 nonprofit corporation created under this section. A board member  
2 is not required to reside in the authority.

3 (c) A board member or employee of the authority may  
4 simultaneously serve as a member of the board of directors of a  
5 nonprofit corporation. A person serving as a board member of the  
6 authority and of a nonprofit corporation created by the authority  
7 may participate in all votes relating to the business of the  
8 authority or the corporation, regardless of any statutory  
9 prohibition.

10 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.