

BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 1815
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County Affairs
Committee Report (Substituted)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Interested parties contend that ensuring the enforcement of regulations and imposition of fines in county parks will discourage vandalism and other dangerous activities taking place in such parks. C.S.H.B. 1815 seeks to address this issue by expanding the applicability of certain provisions relating to the enforcement of park use rules.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 1815 repeals Sections 320.045 and 320.0455(a), Local Government Code, relating to the restriction of the applicability of the Class C misdemeanor offense involving violation of a rule adopted by a board of park commissioners and approved by the commissioners court concerning the use of any park administered by the board to a county with a population of 2.8 million or more.

The bill amends the Local Government Code to make a conforming change.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2017.

COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL AND SUBSTITUTE

While C.S.H.B. 1815 may differ from the original in minor or nonsubstantive ways, the following comparison is organized and formatted in a manner that indicates the substantial differences between the introduced and committee substitute versions of the bill.

INTRODUCED	HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SECTION 1. Section 320.0455(a), Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows: (a) This section applies to:	No equivalent provision. (<i>But see SECTION 2 below.</i>)

- (1) a county with a population of 2.8 million or more; and
(2) a county with a population of 580,000 or more adjacent to a county with a population of 2.8 million or more.

No equivalent provision.

No equivalent provision. *(But see SECTION 1 above.)*

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

SECTION 1. The heading to Section 320.0455, Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 320.0455. RULES [~~IN A POPULOUS COUNTY~~]; PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS.

SECTION 2. Sections 320.045 and 320.0455(a), Local Government Code, are repealed.

SECTION 3. Same as introduced version.