

BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 2288
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Committee Report (Substituted)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Concerns have been raised regarding certain communities in the El Paso area that are split by a state boundary and the problems that can arise through resource inequity. It has been noted that the Housing Authority of the City of El Paso continues to develop and expand affordable high quality housing within El Paso and that this has resulted in families moving in from the New Mexico side of the border to take advantage of these services. C.S.H.B. 2288 seeks to help alleviate this issue by authorizing certain municipal housing authorities to undertake a housing project in a political subdivision located outside of Texas under certain conditions.

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. 2288 amends the Local Government Code to authorize a municipal housing authority that operates in a county with a population of 800,000 or more and is located on the international border to undertake a housing project outside the applicable municipality's boundaries in a political subdivision that is located outside Texas and that is contiguous to the county containing the municipality for which the authority is created on the adoption of a certain resolution by the political subdivision's governing body and the appropriate housing authority, if any.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2019.

COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL AND SUBSTITUTE

While C.S.H.B. 2288 may differ from the original in minor or nonsubstantive ways, the following summarizes the substantial differences between the introduced and committee substitute versions of the bill.

The substitute does not include any subdivision of state government and any subdivision or its equivalent body located in another state contiguous with El Paso County as a political subdivision in which a municipal housing authority may undertake a housing project outside the applicable municipality's boundaries under certain conditions.

The substitute authorizes instead certain municipal housing authorities to undertake such a project in that manner in a certain political subdivision located outside of Texas.