

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 3059
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Transportation
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

While a large volume of cars are sold by dealers every year in Texas, it has been suggested that only a very small percentage of buyers have a preference as to which county the vehicle title application is made. H.B. 3059 seeks to allow for a more efficient closing process on the sale of a vehicle by providing the option for buyers to notify the dealer if they have a preference for such a county.

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

H.B. 3059 amends the Transportation Code to change the county in which a seller who applies for the registration of or a title for a motor vehicle when purchasing from a dealer who holds the requisite general distinguishing number must apply from a county as directed by the purchaser to:

- the county in which the motor vehicle is purchased; or
- a county that is agreed upon by the seller and purchaser in which the owner of the vehicle is domiciled or in which the motor vehicle is purchased or encumbered or the county in which the applicable county assessor-collector is willing to accept the application if the county assessor-collector's office of the county in which the owner resides is closed or may be closed for a protracted period.

H.B. 3059 repeals the requirement for the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles to develop a form or electronic process in which the purchaser of a motor vehicle must designate the purchaser's choice of county as the recipient of all taxes, fees, and other revenue collected as a result of the transaction.

H.B. 3059 repeals Section 501.0234(e), Transportation Code.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2019.