

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 4667
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Land & Resource Management
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

As the population of Eagle Pass continues to grow, the city is seeking to better serve all of its residents. There have been calls to transfer to the city a building in the possession of the Department of Public Safety for use as a police substation in order to offer additional public safety services. H.B. 4667 seeks to address this issue by providing for the transfer of the property to the City of Eagle Pass.

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. 4667 requires the Public Safety Commission to transfer to the City of Eagle Pass the real property interests of the state and the Department of Public Safety in the tract of land described by the bill. The bill restricts use of the property by the City of Eagle Pass to a purpose that benefits the public interest of the state and establishes that ownership of the property automatically reverts to the state if the city uses the property for any other purpose. The bill requires the commission to transfer the property by an appropriate instrument of transfer, which must describe the property to be transferred by metes and bounds and provide for that restricted use of the property and that automatic reversion.

H.B. 4667 requires the commission to retain custody of the instrument of transfer after the instrument of transfer is filed in the real property records of Maverick County. The bill exempts the transfer from Natural Resources Code provisions relating to real estate transactions authorized by the legislature and to the School Land Board's first option to purchase certain real property.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2021.