

**SUBJECT:** Authorizing certain auctions of real property to be conducted online

**COMMITTEE:** County Affairs — committee substitute recommended

**VOTE:** 9 ayes — Neave Criado, Stucky, Gerdes, J. Jones, Orr, Rosenthal, Schatzline, Slaton, Tinderholt  
0 nays

**WITNESSES:** For — Kelly Keenan, Harris County Office of the County Engineer – Real Property Division; (*Registered, but did not testify*: Tammy Narvaez, Harris County Commissioners Court; Julie Wheeler, Travis County Commissioners Court)  
  
Against — (*Registered, but did not testify*: Henry Bohnert)

**DIGEST:** CSHB 1382 would authorize county commissioners courts to allow the public sale of real property taken in execution of a judgment to be conducted in an online auction. The commissioners court could adopt rules governing such online auctions, which would take effect 90 days after being published in county property records.  
  
The bill would not apply to certain sales of real property under contract lien as provided for by the Property Code.  
  
The bill would take effect September 1, 2023.

**SUPPORTERS SAY:** CSHB 1382 would help counties increase efficiency and reduce unnecessary costs to taxpayers by allowing auctions of property taken in execution of a judgement to be conducted online rather than in person, which is already allowed for property tax sales.

**CRITICS SAY:** No concerns identified.