

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, counties with larger populations have a higher number of property foreclosures and a resulting need for more frequent county auctions. Current law only allows county auctions to take place in one location, at a specific time, and on a specific date. Metropolitan counties have expressed interest in being allotted more flexibility in the scheduling of the time, date, and location of county auctions. H.B. 1651 would allow auctions to be held at an indoor location, with seating and convenient parking, during hours most accessible to citizens in order to increase citizen participation which could increase the amount of revenue raised at county auctions.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 1651 outlines provisions regarding the resale of property sold to a taxing unit pursuant to foreclosure of an ad valorem tax lien.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 34.05(d), Tax Code, to provide that if the commissioners court of a county, by order, specifies the date or time at which or location in the county where a public sale requested under Subsection (c) shall be conducted, the sale shall be conducted on the date and at the time and location specified in the order.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1997.
Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.