

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST**

Currently, the General Services Commission evaluates meeting office space needs in counties with greater than 50,000 square feet of need by comparing continued leasing with acquiring an existing building per Section 2166.453, Government Code. Current law does not allow the consideration of constructing a building, nor does it allow the commission to pursue types of space other than office space, such as laboratories, warehouses, or shops. H.B. 3368 would allow the commission to consider a cost-effective alternative to constructing a building as part of the commission's evaluation process.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, H.B. 3368 outlines provisions regarding the acquisition of real property by the General Services Commission as an alternative to leasing space.

### **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 2166.453, Government Code, as follows:

Sec. 2166.453. New heading: ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY AS ALTERNATIVE TO LEASING SPACE. Deletes text regarding the applicability of this section. Authorizes the General Services Commission to meet space needs of certain state agencies by constructing buildings, rather than purchasing existing buildings. Makes conforming changes.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1997.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.