

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, Texas law does not authorize a speed limit of 70 miles per hour on toll roads in Harris County. S.B. 161 authorizes the commissioners court of a county with a population of more than 2.8 million to alter speed limits on certain highways.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 161 authorizes the commissioners courts of certain counties to alter speed limits on certain highways.

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 545.355, Transportation Code, by adding Subsection (c), to authorize the commissioners court of a county with a population of more than 2.8 million to establish from the results of engineering and traffic investigation a speed limit of not more than 70 miles per hour on any part of a highway of that county that is a limited-access or controlled-access highway, regardless of the location of the part of the highway.

SECTION 2. Emergency clause.
Effective date: upon passage.