

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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S.B. 569  
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Committee Report (Amended)

### **DIGEST**

Currently, Texas law provides an exemption from the model subdivision rules for land that is conveyed as a gift. In practice, this exemption has enabled a person to develop a substandard subdivision by concealing a sale as a gift. This bill would provide an exemption from the rules only if the land is a gift between related persons.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, S.B. 569 provides that, in respect to the subdivision of land, Section 232.022, Local Government Code, does not apply if the subdivision is incident to the conveyance of land as a gift between related persons.

### **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 232.022(a), Local Government Code, to provide that this subchapter does not apply if the subdivision is incident to the conveyance of the land as a gift between persons related to each other within the third degree by affinity or consanguinity, as determined under Chapter 573, Government Code.

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

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.

### **SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES**

Amends SECTION 1, Section 232.022(a), Local Government Code, to provide that this subchapter does not apply if the subdivision is incident to the conveyance of the land as a gift between persons related to each other within the third degree, rather than the fourth degree, by affinity or consanguinity.