

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, no legislation exists for the beautification and improvement of county parks. This bill provides for the participation in a program dedicated to beautification and improvement of county parks.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 69 creates and sets guidelines for the County Park Beautification and Improvement Program.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE: County Park Beautification and Improvement Program Act.

SECTION 2. PURPOSE; CREATION. Establishes as the purpose of this Act to beautify and improve county parks and creates the County Park Beautification and Improvement Program (program).

SECTION 3. IMPLEMENTATION. Authorizes the county commissioners court, by majority vote, to elect to participate in the program. Authorizes the commissioners court to designate a program coordinator from the county park maintenance division. Authorizes the coordinator to solicit advice and assistance from other agencies and private organizations in developing and implementing the program.

SECTION 4. REPORT; ADOPTION. Requires the coordinator to report findings to the commissioners court and recommend an implementation strategy. Authorizes the commissioners court to reject or adopt the strategy. Requires the commissioners court to specify reasons for any rejection of the strategy and requires the coordinator to develop an new implementation strategy within six months. Authorizes the commissioners court to fund the program upon adoption as provided in SECTION 5.

SECTION 5. FUNDING. Authorizes the commissioners court, upon electing to participate in the program, to solicit and accept any funding from any source, public or private, to finance the program, but prohibits the levy of any tax or receipt of any legislative appropriation. Provides that the state is not liable for debts or other obligations incurred by a county in implementing or planning to implement the program under this Act.

SECTION 6. Emergency clause.
Effective date: upon passage.