

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Counties are finding it difficult to provide the infrastructure, including water, sewer service, roads, and fire and police protection to persons purchasing parcels of land within subdivisions exempt from county subdivision platting requirements. Land sold through the Veterans' Land Board program (program) is exempted from platting requirements for subdivisions if all of the lots of the subdivision are sold to veterans through the program. The exemption may have created a loophole for developers to subdivide tracts of land, market them to veterans, and then sell the subdivided tracts of land to non-veterans. H.B. 2340 excepts any subdivided tract of land owned by the veterans' land fund from plat requirements unless the subdivision lays out part of the tract as streets, alleys, squares, parks, or other parts for public use or use by certain purchases or owners.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 232.0015(h), Local Government Code, by providing that the provisions of this chapter shall not apply to a subdivision of any tract of land belonging to the veterans' land fund unless the subdivision lays out a part of the tract described by Section 232.001(a)(3).

SECTION 2. Repealer: Section 232.0015(g), Local Government Code.

SECTION 3. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 4. Effective date: September 1, 2001.