

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Current law requires counties and local governments to consider the approval of subdivision plats and permits solely upon the regulations and rules in place when the permit or application was filed. Some counties have had landowners wishing to sell lots on subdivision plats that were filed nearly 100 years ago. The original subdivisions do not meet minimal contemporary infrastructure requirements. Development of these plats would result in significant burdens on adjacent landowners and on the community. H.B. 3161 provides that the approval of a subdivision plat by a county commissioners court expires fifty years after approval.

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 232.002, Local Government Code, by adding Subsection (c), to provide that if no portion of the land subdivided under a plat approved under this section is sold or transferred before January 1 of the 51st year after the year in which the plat was approved, the approval of the plat expires, and the owner must resubmit a plat of the subdivision for approval. Provides that a plat resubmitted for approval under this subsection is subject to the requirements prescribed by this chapter at the time the plat is resubmitted.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2001.