

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, a municipality or county may sell a surplus building or vacant land in a readjustment zone at less than fair market value if the governing body of the municipality or county adheres to certain criteria. Some local entities may encounter difficulties while attempting to sell electrical equipment, such as electric power poles and power lines that are located within the readjustment zone. The poles and lines could be construed as a public utility and therefore would require voter approval for such a sale. H.B. 3387 authorizes, after an area is designated as a readjustment zone, the sale of any structure by a state, municipality, or county without the imposition of election or voter approval requirements.

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 2310.410, Government Code, to authorize the state, a municipality, or a county that owns a surplus building including any structure or vacant land in the zone to dispose of the building or land by certain means, after an area is designated as a readjustment zone. Authorizes the surplus building or vacant land to be sold without complying with notice or bidding requirements including election or voter approval requirements imposed by other law, if any, if the criteria and public purpose specified in the ordinance or order adopted under this section are satisfied.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2001.