

BILL ANALYSIS

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C.S.S.B. 542
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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, regularly scheduled commissioners court meetings are required to be held at the county seat. C.S.S.B. 542 authorizes the commissioners court of a county to meet and transact business in a municipality other than the county seat.

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 Sections 81.005(b) and (c), Local Government Code, as follows:

(b) Authorizes a special term to be held at a meeting place located in the county and outside the county seat if the commissioners court agrees to meet in that location and the meeting place is in a building providing public access that can accommodate the number of persons expected to attend the meeting.

(c) Requires the term to be held at certain locations except as provided by Subsections (b) and (f) of this section.

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

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES

SECTION 1. Amends As Filed S.B. 542, Section 81.005, Local Government Code, to include an amendment to Section 81.005(b), Local Government Code, and to delete Subsection (c)(6) from the As Filed version.

SECTION 2. No change.