

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST AND PURPOSE**

Currently, Texas state property believed by some to be worth more than \$154 million, amounting to more than 22,000 acres, is underused. The General Land Office appraises certain state agency properties, determines which are underused, and recommends sales in an annual report to the governor and legislature. However, the agencies may lack an incentive to actually sell the properties, because the agencies will not receive any financial benefit from the sale, which is directed elsewhere. As proposed, S.B. 388 creates the Texas Agency Infrastructure Commission, which would investigate the number and function of state agency field offices, recommend the colocation or closure of state field offices when believed appropriate, and require the inclusion of detailed information regarding the agency's real property as part of the agency's legislative appropriations request.

### **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 Title 10E, Government Code, by adding Chapter 2206, as follows:

#### CHAPTER 2206. USE AND MANAGEMENT OF STATE PROPERTY

Sec. 2206.001. DEFINITION. Defines "capital charge."

Sec. 2206.002. INFORMATION ON REAL PROPERTY. Requires each state agency to include, as part of its legislative appropriations request, certain information on any real property owned by the agency.

Sec. 2206.003. TEXAS AGENCY INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION. (a) Provides that in this section "commission" means the Texas Agency Infrastructure Commission (TAIC).

(b) Provides that TAIC is created to investigate the number and function of state agency field offices and recommend the colocation or closure of state agency field offices, if appropriate.

(c) Provides that TAIC is composed of certain members.

(d) Authorizes the governor to reject the persons on a list submitted by the house speaker under Subsection (c) (4) and require a new list to be submitted.

(e) Prohibits a member of TAIC from receiving compensation but provides that the member is entitled to reimbursement, as provided by the General Appropriations Act, for the travel expenses incurred in conducting the business of TAIC. Provides that the travel expenses of a member are payable from the funds appropriated to the office of

the officer who appointed the member, except that the expenses of a member appointed under Subsection (c) (4) are payable from the funds appropriated to the speaker.

(f) Requires employees of the governor's office and the asset management division of the General Land Office to staff TAIC.

(g) Requires TAIC to meet at the call of the presiding officer.

(h) Requires TAIC, before September 1, 2004, to submit a report with its findings and recommendations for state agency field offices to the legislature, the governor, and the comptroller.

(i) Provides that this section expires and TAIC is abolished on September 1, 2004.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2003.