

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

In 1999, the 76th Texas Legislature approved legislation allowing Harris County to take action to comply with the requirements imposed by the federal government relating to storm water. As proposed, S.B. 953 expands the number of Texas counties authorized to take action to comply with storm water permitting program requirements under the National Discharge Elimination System, including the collection of a fee for this purpose. This bill would give Bexar County, Tarrant County, and Dallas County the same authority as Harris County to comply with the federal mandate.

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 423.001, Local Government Code, to decrease, from 2.8 million to 1.2 million, the minimum population of a county to which this chapter, relating to stormwater management, applies.

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