

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

Under current law, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is authorized to convert frontage roads from two-way movement of traffic to one-way movement of traffic even if the local commissioners court objects to such a conversion. Such a conversion can result in significant forced diversions.

As proposed, S.B. 735 prohibits TxDOT from converting a frontage road from two-way movement of traffic to one-way movement of traffic if the commissioners court of the county in which the frontage road is located adopts a motion or order objecting to the conversion and files such with the district engineer.

### **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 Subchapter C, Chapter 203, Transportation Code, by adding Section 203.035, as follows:

Sec. 203.035. CONVERSION OF TWO-WAY FRONTAGE ROAD TO ONE-WAY FRONTAGE ROAD. Prohibits the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) from converting a frontage road that provides for two-way movement of traffic to a frontage road that provides for one-way movement of traffic if the commissioners court of the county in which the frontage road is located adopts a motion or order objecting to the conversion and files a copy of the motion or order with the district engineer for the applicable TxDOT district, notwithstanding Section 203.003 (Jurisdiction).

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2007.