

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Currently, a municipality with a population of 575,000 or less that owns land near a certain shoreline of a lake can sell the land to the leaseholder of the land without notice or the solicitation of bids. Larger cities are subject to certain bidding requirements on such property. These bidding requirements can present a problem for larger cities in that a number of leaseholders who have resided on and improved the property may move from the property and sell any improvements. H.B. 844 increases the population cap that defines the cities to which the exemption applies.

H.B. 844 amends current law relating to the sale or lease of property by certain municipalities owning land near the shoreline of certain lakes.

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 272.001(h), Local Government Code, to authorize a municipality having a population of 825,000 or less, rather than a municipality having a population of 575,000 or less, and owning land within 5,000 feet of where the shoreline of a lake would be if the lake were filled to its storage capacity to, without notice or the solicitation of bids, sell the land to the person leasing the land for the fair market value of the land as determined by a certified appraiser.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2011.