

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 1607
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Current state law sets the maximum speed limit allowed on certain county roads or highways at 60 miles per hour, but some of these roads are designed and constructed for higher speed limits.

H.B. 1607 amends current law relating to the authority of the commissioners court of a county to alter speed limits on county roads.

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 545.355(c), Transportation Code, as follows:

(c) Prohibits the commissioners court from modifying the rule established by Section 545.351(a) (relating to prohibiting an operator from driving at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the circumstances then existing) or establishing a speed limit of more than 70 miles per hour, rather than more than 60 miles per hour.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2013.