

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Jefferson County previously donated property to the state. The property, known as the Al Price Unit, once housed juvenile prisoners and is surrounded by other prison units. The unit has since closed and is not being used. Because the property no longer serves any necessary state purpose, H.B. 1968 seeks to transfer that state property from the Texas Juvenile Justice Department back to Jefferson County.

H.B. 1968 amends current law relating to the transfer of certain state property from the Texas Juvenile Justice Department to Jefferson County.

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. (a) Requires the Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD), not later than January 31, 2014, to donate and transfer to Jefferson County the real property described by Subsection (e) of this section.

(b) Authorizes Jefferson County to use the property transferred under this Act only for a purpose that benefits the public interest of the state. Provides that, if Jefferson County uses the property for any purpose other than a purpose described by this subsection, ownership of the property automatically reverts to TJJD.

(c) Requires TJJD to transfer the property by an appropriate instrument of transfer. Requires that the instrument of transfer:

(1) provide that:

(A) Jefferson County is authorized to use the property only for a purpose that benefits the public interest of the state; and

(B) ownership of the property will automatically revert to TJJD if Jefferson County uses the property for any purpose other than a purpose described by Paragraph (A) of this subdivision; and

(2) describe the property to be transferred by metes and bounds.

(d) Requires TJJD to retain custody of the instrument of transfer after the instrument of transfer is filed in the real property records of Jefferson County.

(e) Sets forth the boundaries of the real property referred to in this section.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2013.