

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 3453
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Currently, certain counties have the authority to regulate certain aspects of game rooms and assert that this authority offers greater protection to promote the public health, safety, and welfare of residents in those counties and would similarly benefit other counties. H.B. 3453 seeks to extend this authority to regulate game rooms to a county that is located in the Permian Basin within 25 miles of Texas' border with another state of the United States and has a population of more than 130,000.

The committee substitute for H.B. 3453 added Harrison, Smith, and Tarrant Counties to the bracket language.

H.B. 3453 amends current law relating to the regulation of game rooms in certain counties.

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. Reenacts Section 234.132, Local Government Code, as amended by Chapters 623 (S.B. 1210) and 1170 (S.B. 866), Acts of the 84th Legislature, Regular Session, 2015, and amends it, as follows:

Sec. 234.132. APPLICABILITY. Provides that this subchapter (Game Rooms) applies only to:

- (1) and (2) makes no changes to these subdivisions;
- (3) and (4) makes nonsubstantive changes;
- (5) redesignates existing Subdivision (3) as Subdivision (5) and makes no further changes;
- (6) a county that is located in the Permian Basin within 25 miles of this state's border with another state of the United States and has a population of more than 130,000;
- (7) a county that is located on this state's border with Louisiana, has a population of more than 65,000, and is within 50 miles of a municipality in Louisiana with a population of more than 150,000;
- (8) a county that has a population of more than 200,000 and less than 220,000; and
- (9) a county that has a population of more than 1.8 million and that is adjacent to a county with a population of more than 2.2 million.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2017.