

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

There have been calls to honor the life and service of Congresswoman Barbara Jordan, who was the first African American woman elected to the Texas Senate and the first African American woman from a southern state elected to the U.S. Congress. H.B. 519 seeks to recognize the legendary career and advocacy of Congresswoman Jordan by designating a portion of State Highway 288 in Harris County as the Barbara Jordan Memorial Parkway.

H.B. 519 amends the Transportation Code to designate the portion of State Highway 288 in Harris County beginning at the Cleburne Street exit and continuing until the intersection of State Highway 288 and Beltway 8 as the Barbara Jordan Memorial Parkway. The bill requires the Texas Department of Transportation, subject to a grant or donation of funds, to design and construct markers indicating the designation as the Barbara Jordan Memorial Parkway and any other appropriate information and to erect a marker at each end of the parkway and at appropriate intermediate sites along the parkway.

H.B. 519 amends current law relating to the designation of a portion of State Highway 288 in Harris County as the Barbara Jordan Memorial Parkway.

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 B, Chapter 225, Transportation Code, by adding Section 225.152, as follows:

Sec. 225.152. BARBARA JORDAN MEMORIAL HIGHWAY. (a) Provides that the portion of State Highway 288 in Harris County beginning at the Cleburne Street exit and continuing until the intersection of State Highway 288 and Beltway 8 is designated as the Barbara Jordan Memorial Parkway.

(b) Requires the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), subject to Section 225.021(c) (relating to prohibiting TxDOT from designing, constructing, or erecting a marker unless a grant or donation of funds is made to cover the cost), to:

- (1) design and construct markers indicating the designation as the Barbara Jordan Memorial Parkway and any other appropriate information; and
- (2) erect a marker at each end of the loop and at appropriate intermediate sites along the loop.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2019.