

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

It has been argued that the appeals process for interlocutory orders denying a motion for summary judgment of certain cases relating to contractors who construct or repair a highway, road, or street for the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) should be expedited. H.B. 2086 seeks to make this change.

H.B. 2086 amends the Civil Practice and Remedies Code to authorize a person to appeal an interlocutory order of a district court, statutory county court, statutory probate court, or county court that denies a motion for summary judgment filed by a contractor based on the limited liability of a contractor who constructs or repairs a highway, road, or street for TxDOT.

H.B. 2086 amends current law relating to appeals from an interlocutory order denying a motion for summary judgment by certain contractors.

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 51.014(a), Civil Practice and Remedies Code, to authorize a person to appeal from an interlocutory order of a district court, county court at law, statutory probate court, or county court that performs certain actions, including a court that denies a motion for summary judgment filed by a contractor based on Section 97.002 (Limit on Liability of Certain Highway, Road, and Street Contractors).

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2021.