

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST AND PURPOSE**

Currently, a regional mobility authority (RMA) is authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a regional turnpike project. Counties, acting alone or in conjunction with other counties, are authorized to create an RMA to construct and operate turnpike projects. An RMA is designed to provide an alternative way to address transportation needs in circumstances where traditional sources of funding are not available. H.B. 157 gives an RMA the same powers and duties related to financing turnpike projects as the Texas Transportation Commission and the Texas Department of Transportation.

### **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 361.003, Transportation Code, by adding Subsection (m) to provide that a regional mobility authority has the same powers and duties that the Texas Transportation Commission and the Texas Department of Transportation have under Subchapter E (Financing of Turnpike Projects), including certain revenue raising powers.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2003.