

SUBJECT: Permitting interlocal agreements with states not bordering Texas

COMMITTEE: County Affairs — favorable, without amendment

VOTE: 8 ayes — Ramsay, G. Lewis, B. Brown, Chisum, Farabee, Hilderbran, Salinas, Shields

0 nays

1 absent — Krusee

WITNESSES: For — Craig Pardue, Dallas County; *Registered, but did not testify*: Bill Carpenter, Houston Independent School District; Mark Mendez, Tarrant County Commissioners Court

Against — None

BACKGROUND: Government Code, sec. 791.003 limits the ability of Texas local governments, including cities, counties, and special districts, to sign interlocal cooperation agreements with local governments located in the bordering states of Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico. Government Code, sec. 791.011 places a similar limitation on the ability of state agencies to enter into interlocal cooperation agreements with state agencies in those states.

DIGEST: HB 884 would amend Government Code, secs. 791.003 and 791.011 to eliminate the reference to bordering states and would allow local governments and state agencies to enter into interlocal agreements with local governments and state agencies in any state in the union.

This bill would take effect September 1, 2001.

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NOTES:

The companion bill, SB 335 by Carona, passed the Senate on March 5, passed the House on the Local, Consent, and Resolutions Calender on April 27, and was sent to the governor on May 1.