

- SUBJECT:** Sale or lease of advertising space by a county
- COMMITTEE:** County Affairs — favorable, as amended
- VOTE:** 7 ayes — R. Allen, W. Smith, Casteel, Laney, Naishtat, Olivo, Otto  
0 nays  
2 absent — Coleman, Farabee
- WITNESSES:** For — Craig Pardue, Dallas County; (*Registered, but did not testify:* G.K. Sprinkle, Daily Court Review)  
Against — None
- BACKGROUND:** Under current law, a county may not sell or lease advertising space.
- DIGEST:** HB 1915, as amended, would permit a county to lease advertising space located in or on a county building, vehicle, or county Web site
- Counties also could sell advertising space on county correspondence delivered through the U.S. Postal Service.
- A county would have to publish and post its intent to sell or lease a space:
- in a generally circulated county newspaper at least 14 days but not more than 30 days prior to the sale or lease date; and
  - continuously on the county Web site for the 14 days preceding the sale or lease date.
- The notice would have to describe the advertising space and the county's bidding procedure. The commissioners court could reject any bid or proposal.
- This bill would take immediate effect if finally passed by a two-thirds record vote of the membership of each house. Otherwise, it would take effect September 1, 2005.

NOTES:

The committee amendment would require notice of the sale or lease to appear in a county newspaper at least 14 days but not more than 30 days prior to the sale or lease date.