

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST**

Currently, federal, state, and local laws designate certain drugs as illegal. Recently, however, other states have attempted to circumvent laws relating to illegal drugs by placing initiatives on the ballot that allow doctors to prescribe certain illegal drugs for medicinal purposes. This bill prohibits local governing and law enforcement entities from adopting policies whereby current laws regarding illegal drugs may be weakened.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, H.B. 2213 prohibits local governing and law enforcement entities from adopting policies whereby current laws regarding illegal drugs may be weakened.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Chapter 370, Local Government Code, by adding Section 370.003, as follows:

Sec. 370.003. MUNICIPAL OR COUNTY POLICY REGARDING ENFORCEMENT OF DRUG LAWS. Prohibits the governing body of a municipality, the commissioners court of a county, or a sheriff, municipal police department, municipal attorney, county attorney, district attorney, or criminal district attorney from adopting a policy under which the entity will not fully enforce laws relating to drugs, including Chapters 481 and 483, Health and Safety Code, and federal law.

SECTION 2. Emergency clause.  
Effective date: upon passage.