

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, counties may regulate the use of county parks. However, the statutes that authorize the counties contain no provisions for enforcement of these rules. H.B. 3191 would create a Class C misdemeanor offense for a violation of a county park rule.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 3191 amends regulations regarding the imposition of a criminal penalty and the use of fines for a violation of a rule concerning the use of county parks.

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 Section 320.045, Local Government Code, as follows:

Sec. 320.045. New heading: RULES; PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS. Provides that a person commits a Class C misdemeanor offense if the person violates a rule approved by the commissioners court under Subsection (a). Requires the collected fines to be deposited in the county's general fund.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.