

**BILL ANALYSIS**

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S.B. 1290  
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**DIGEST**

Currently, Texas law requires political subdivisions that wish to convey property to institutions of higher education to comply with certain notice, bidding, and sale requirements in exchange for that institution's consideration of the location of an educational facility on the institution's property. S.B. 1290 would establish requirements for the conveyance of an interest in real property from a political subdivision to an institution of higher education.

**PURPOSE**

As proposed, S.B. 1290 establishes requirements for the conveyance of an interest in real property from a political subdivision to an institution of higher education.

**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 272.001, Local Government Code, by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (j), to authorize a political subdivision to donate, exchange, convey, sell, or lease land or an interest in real property to an institution of higher education to promote a public purpose related to higher education. Requires the political subdivision to determine the terms and conditions of the transaction so as to effectuate and maintain the public purpose. Authorizes a political subdivision to donate, exchange, convey, sell, or lease the land or interest for less than its fair market value and without complying with certain notice and bidding requirements. Makes a conforming change.

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