

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, Texas law does not grant volunteer investigators who provide services to the Texas Board of Professional Land Surveying (board) immunity from civil or criminal liability arising from an act or omission in the course of performing an investigation, except under certain conditions. This bill would grant immunity from civil or criminal liability to volunteer investigators who provide services to the board.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 1868 authorizes the Texas Board of Professional Land Surveying to use the services of volunteers in performing investigations and grants immunity from liability to such volunteers.

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 24, Article 5282c, V.T.C.S. (Professional Land Surveying Practices Act), to authorize the Texas Board of Professional Land Surveying to use the services of volunteers in performing investigations. Provides that volunteers are immune from civil or criminal liability arising from an act or omission in the course of performing an investigation unless such action is done in bad faith or malice.

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