

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, Texas law establishes a definition of “economically disadvantaged county” to authorize the Texas Department of Transportation to adjust the minimum local matching funds requirement for those counties who qualify for the designation. In order to qualify, a county must have a below average per capita taxable property value, below average per capita income, and an above average unemployment rate. S.B. 193 would authorize a county to qualify for the designation if the county has a per capita taxable property value that is less than one-half the average per capita taxable property value of counties in the state.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 193 redefines the term “economically disadvantaged county” for purposes of financing a highway project.

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 222.053(a), Transportation Code, to redefine “economically disadvantaged county” as a county that has a per capita taxable property value that is less than one-half the average per capita taxable property value of counties in the state. Makes conforming changes.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.