

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST AND PURPOSE**

Current law provides exemptions from certain taxes to parks, markets, fairgrounds, or other similar facilities which are owned by an incorporated city or town and used in connection with a city's or town's convention and entertainment activities. Although many arenas, stadiums, convention centers, visitor centers, and concert halls are public facilities, these facilities are not included in the tax exemptions. H.B. 2601 includes a convention center, visitor center, sports facility with permanent seating, concert hall, arena, or stadium that is owned by an incorporated city or town among the local appraisal tax exemptions.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

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

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 25.07(b), Tax Code, to prohibit a leasehold or other possessory interest in exempt property from being listed if the interest is in a part of a convention center, visitor center, sports facility with permanent seating, concert hall, arena, or stadium that is owned by an incorporated city or town if the leasehold or possessory interest serves a governmental, municipal, or public purpose or function when the facility is open to the public, regardless of whether a fee is charged for admission, except as provided by Section 11.11.

SECTION 2. Effective date: January 1, 2001.  
Makes application of this Act prospective.