

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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S.B. 1160  
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### **DIGEST AND PURPOSE**

Currently, Texas has four veterans' nursing homes built according to former federal guidelines that homes be located within 100 miles of a Veterans Administration (V.A.) hospital. Since this federal guideline is no longer used, Texas has no criteria for the selection of locations for future veterans homes. However, Texas does have a large population of veterans with a need for homes in areas of the state not served by V.A. hospitals. As proposed, S.B. 1160 requires the Texas Veterans' Land Board of the General Land Office to construct new veterans homes in areas with a large veteran population that is not currently served by a V.A. hospital.

### **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 164, Natural Resources Code, by adding Section 164.0051, as follows:

Sec. 164.0051. LOCATION OF VETERANS HOMES. Requires the Veterans' Land Board, to the extent practicable, to ensure that newly constructed veterans homes are located in areas that are not served by Veterans Administration hospitals and have a significant veteran population.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2001.