

BILL ANALYSIS

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C.S.S.B. 1160
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Committee Report (Substituted)

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. C.S.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 state veterans homes.

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 consider the following criteria when determining the location of new veterans homes in this state:

- the geographic proximity to existing state veterans homes with special regard to areas not served by state veterans homes;
- the economic impact of the veterans home on the local community and the veterans program; and
- the areas with a significant veteran population without regard to international boundaries.

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

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES

Amends As Filed S.B. 1160 by amending proposed text relating to the criteria for selecting locations of new veterans homes in this state.