BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, regularly scheduled commissioners court meetings are required to be held at the county seat. As proposed, S.B. 542 authorizes the commissioners court of a county to meet and transact business in a municipality other than the county seat.

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 81.005(c), Local Government Code, to provide that a commissioners court may meet at a meeting place located in the county other than the county seat if the commissioners court agrees to meet in the municipality and the meeting place is in a building providing public access that can accommodate the number of persons expected to attend the meeting.

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