

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Current Texas law allows counties to regulate fireworks in unincorporated areas only during drought conditions. As proposed, S.B. 695 authorizes the commissioners court of a county that borders the Gulf of Mexico to regulate the use of aerial fireworks on a beach.

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 61.122, Natural Resources Code, by adding Subsection (g) to authorize the commissioners court of a county bordering on the Gulf of Mexico or its tidewater limits to prohibit, by order, the use or possession of any aerial fireworks on a beach in the unincorporated area of the county. Defines “aerial fireworks” for the purposes of this subsection.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2003.