

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **AUTHOR'S/SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

Currently, counties must go through other local governments to issue building permits for their own building renovation.

As proposed, S.B. 589 allows a county with a population of 3.2 million or more to build or renovate a building that is located in another political subdivision without notice or permit if the project is supervised and inspected by a licensed engineer or architect. The county must comply with a political subdivision's building standards.

### **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 Chapter 245, Local Government Code, by adding Section 245.0051, as follows:

Sec. 245.0051. CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION WORK ON COUNTY-OWNED BUILDINGS OR FACILITIES IN CERTAIN COUNTIES. (a) Provides that this section only applies to a county with a population of 3.2 million or more.

(b) Provides that a political subdivision is not authorized to require a county to notify the political subdivision or obtain a permit for any new construction or renovation work performed within the limits of the political subdivision by the county on county-owned buildings or facilities if such construction or renovation work is overseen and inspected by a registered professional engineer or architect licensed in this state.

(c) Provides that this section does not exempt a county from complying with a political subdivision's standards when performing construction or renovation work.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2005.