

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Currently, some rail districts cannot receive federal funds directly and must receive federal funds through the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT).

H.B. 2434 allows rail districts created under Chapter 171 (Freight Rail Districts), Transportation Code, and Articles 6550c-1 (Intermunicipal Commuter Rail Districts) and 6550c-3 (Commuter Rail Districts), V.T.C.S., to receive federal funds directly.

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 91.004(c), Transportation Code, as follows:

(c) Provides that Subsection (b) (relating to the administering of money appropriated or allocated by the United States for the construction and maintenance in this state of rail facilities owned by any public or private entity, requiring it to be administered by the Texas Transportation Commission, and authorizing it to be spent only under the supervision of the Texas Department of Transportation) does not apply to money appropriated or allocated for use by a district created under Chapter 171 (Freight Rail Districts); Article 6550c-1 V.T.C.S. (Intermunicipal Commuter Rail Districts); or Article 6550c-3 (Commuter Rail Districts), V.T.C.S. Makes nonsubstantive changes.

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2009.