

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

The Honorable Teel Bivins served as a member of the Texas State Senate from 1989 to 2004, representing Senate District 31. During his tenure, Senator Bivins was appointed as Chairman of the Senate Finance, Nominations, and Education Committees. After his service to the State of Texas, Senator Bivins was nominated by President George W. Bush to serve as the United States Ambassador to Sweden in 2004. Ambassador Bivins was forced to leave his position in 2006 due to complications with the fatal medical condition of progressive supranuclear palsy.

In honor of a beloved statesman, H.B. 1856 seeks to designate the portion of U.S. Highway 287 between the northern boundary of Moore County and the highway's intersection with Reclamation Plant Road as the Honorable Teel Bivins Memorial Highway.

H.B. 1856 amends current law relating to the designation of a portion of U.S. Highway 287 as the Honorable Teel Bivins Memorial Highway.

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 Subchapter B, Chapter 225, Transportation Code, by adding Section 225.152, as follows:

Sec. 225.152. HONORABLE TEEL BIVINS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY. (a) Provides that the portion of U.S. Highway 287 between the northern boundary of Moore County and the highway's intersection with Reclamation Plant Road is designated as the Honorable Teel Bivins Memorial Highway.

(b) Requires the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), subject to Section 225.021(c) (relating to prohibiting TxDOT from designing, constructing, or erecting a marker unless a grant or donation of funds is made to cover the cost), to:

(1) design and construct markers indicating the designation as the Honorable Teel Bivins Memorial Highway and any other appropriate information; and

(2) erect a marker at each end of the highway and at appropriate intermediate sites along the highway.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2019.