

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

It has been suggested that the authorization for certain municipalities with a specified maximum population to sell land the municipality owns near a lake shoreline to the person leasing the land without notice or the solicitation of bids is beneficial as it provides for one owner for both the property's improvements and the property itself. H.B. 837 seeks to change the applicable municipalities to keep up with the expanding growth of municipalities like the City of Fort Worth.

H.B. 837 amends current law relating to the sale by certain municipalities of leased land located near the shoreline of a lake.

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 272.001(h), Local Government Code, to authorize a municipality, other than a municipality with a population of more than one million that is located primarily in a county with a population of two million or more, owning land within 5,000 feet of where the shoreline of a lake would be if the lake were filled to its storage capacity, rather than authorizing a municipality having a population of 825,000 or less and owning land within 5,000 feet of where the shoreline of a lake would be if the lake were filled to its storage capacity, to, without notice or the solicitation of bids, sell the land to the person leasing the land for the fair market value of the land as determined by a certified appraiser.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2019.