

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Some Texas counties are illegally attempting to control land use by calling recreational vehicle (RV) rental communities “subdivisions” and imposing subdivision standards on the internal site development of a privately owned legal lot or tract (with frontage on a public street or road) used for renting RV spaces.

This problem was solved for manufactured home rental communities in 1999 when the Texas Legislature clarified that such communities are not subdivisions. However, the law passed in 1999 did not address RV rental communities.

H.B. 2947 therefore adds similar protections for RV rental communities as are currently provided for manufactured home rental communities.

H.B. 2947 clarifies that an RV rental community is not a subdivision of land for purposes of county regulation under Local Government Code Chapter 232.

House Committee Substitute language added to H.B. 2947 defines RV rental communities for purposes of the above as a plot or tract of land that is separated into two or more spaces for which water, wastewater, and electric utility services are provided or offered for a fee; and on which recreational vehicles may be located for use and occupancy as temporary residences.

H.B. 2947 amends current law relating to county subdivision platting requirements for recreational vehicle communities.

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 A, Chapter 232, Local Government Code, by adding Section 232.0016, as follows:

Sec. 232.0016. RECREATIONAL VEHICLE COMMUNITIES. (a) Defines "park model recreational vehicle," "recreational vehicle," and "recreational vehicle community" for this section.

(b) Provides that a recreational vehicle community is not a subdivision of land for the purposes of Chapter 232 (County Regulation of Subdivisions).

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2021.