

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 2033
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County Affairs
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Interested parties have expressed concerns that while some governmental entities have invested heavily in the development of geographic information systems, which can be a great asset to local communities, the rapid growth and development of certain areas in Texas may outpace the staffing capacities of those assigned with the maintenance and input of new digital data into these systems. The parties have suggested that requiring subdivision developers to submit digital maps in connection with the county plat approval process would result in cost savings for the county and help to ensure that new subdivisions can be provided with adequate county resources and emergency support. H.B. 2033 seeks to address this issue.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 2033 amends the Local Government Code to authorize a commissioners court to require a subdivision plat application submitted for approval to include a digital map that is compatible with other mapping systems used by the county and that georeferences approved subdivision plats and related infrastructure.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2015.