

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 533
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Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Previous legislation enacted by the 84th Texas Legislature authorized all counties in Texas to conduct an online auction of real property seized under a tax warrant or ordered sold pursuant to foreclosure of a tax lien. Given this recognition that such an authorization has statewide benefit for all counties regarding the sale of real property, there are calls to extend similar consideration to all counties with regard to the online auction of seized personal property. H.B. 533 seeks to address this issue by authorizing all counties in Texas to conduct an online auction sale of seized property.

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. 533 amends the Tax Code to extend to all counties the option to authorize a peace officer or property tax collector charged with selling seized personal property to enter into an agreement with an auctioneer to advertise and conduct the auction sale of the property.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2021.