

SUBJECT: Prosecution of offenses committed on boundaries of two or more counties

COMMITTEE: Criminal Jurisprudence — favorable, without amendment

VOTE: 8 ayes — Gallego, Fletcher, Kent, Miklos, Moody, Pierson, Vaught, Vo  
0 nays  
3 absent — Christian, Hodge, Riddle

WITNESSES: For — (*Registered, but did not testify*: Gary Chandler and John Pike,  
Texas Department of Public Safety Officers Association)  
Against — None

BACKGROUND: Under Code of Criminal Procedure, art. 13.04, an offense committed on  
the boundaries of two or more counties or within 400 yards thereof may be  
prosecuted and punished in any of the counties.  
  
If a municipal police officer issues a ticket in a neighboring county, the  
county in which the officer serves receives the revenue from that ticket.

DIGEST: HB 2952 would amend Code of Criminal Procedure, art. 13.04,  
concerning offenses committed on the boundary of two or more counties,  
by providing that the provision would not apply to an offense related to an  
oversize or overweight vehicle under Transportation Code, Title 7,  
Subtitle E. Such offense would be prosecuted and punished in the county  
in which the offense was committed.  
  
HB 2952 would take effect September 1, 2009, and would apply only to  
offenses committed on or after this date.