

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, no legislation exists for the beautification and improvement of county parks. This bill provides for the participation in a program dedicated to beautification and improvement of county parks.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 195 creates and sets guidelines for the County Park Beautification and Improvement Program Act.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE. Requires this Act to be known as and may be cited as the County Park Beautification and Improvement Program Act.

SECTION 2. PURPOSE; CREATION. Provides that the intent of the legislature is that each county dedicating land for use as county parks maintain and beautify the parks through certain measures. Establishes the County Park Beautification Program (program).

SECTION 3. IMPLEMENTATION. Authorizes a county commissioners court (court) to elect to participate in the program by majority vote. Requires the court to designate a person in the division of the county government as coordinator of the program. Authorizes the coordinator to solicit advice and assistance from state and county agencies and private organizations in developing and implementing the program.

SECTION 4. REPORT; ADOPTION. Requires the coordinator to report findings and to recommend an implementation strategy to the court. Requires the court to reject or accept the strategy, and state reasons for rejection. Requires the the coordinator to adopt new strategy within six months if the strategy is rejected. Authorizes the court to fund the program as provided in Section 5 of this Act.

SECTION 5. FUNDING. Sets forth funding requirements for a county commissioners court electing to participate in the program.

SECTION 6. Emergency clause.
Effective date: upon passage.