

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

Senate Research Center

C.S.S.B. 342  
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Committee Report (Substituted)

### **DIGEST**

Currently, a commissioners court is not required to allocate funds generated by county vehicle registration fees for road projects proportionately in counties with 2.8 million persons or more. A concern exists that funds raised under the County Road and Bridge Act have been spent disproportionately, as in the case of unincorporated areas of Harris County. This bill requires funds to be allocated proportionately for road projects in counties that have 2.8 million persons or more.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, C.S.S.B. 342 requires funds collected by the county assessor-collector to be allocated proportionately for road projects in counties that have 2.8 million persons or more.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

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

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 502.103, Transportation Code, as follows:

Sec. 502.103. DISPOSITION OF OPTIONAL COUNTY ROAD AND BRIDGE FEE.

Requires the commissioners court with a population of more than 2.8 million to allocate funds credited under Subsection (a)(1) for road projects in municipalities and unincorporated areas of the county. Requires the allocation to be proportionate to the population to which it is made. Makes a conforming change.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1997.

Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.

### **SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES**

Amends SECTION 1, Sec. 502.108, Transportation Code, to delete proposed changes to Sec. 502.108.

Amends SECTION 1, Sec. 502.103, Transportation Code, to set forth requirements for a commissioners court to allocate funds for road projects in the county proportionately by population.