

BILL ANALYSIS

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C.S.H.B. 1346
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DIGEST

Currently, many rural counties have a difficult time attracting institutions of higher learning in the forms of daytime extension facilities, branch campuses, or vocational facilities due to a lack of classroom and administrative office space. This bill would establish a procedure for the adoption of a junior college branch campus maintenance tax by certain counties in order to raise the funds necessary to build or renovate buildings.

PURPOSE

As proposed, C.S.H.B. 1346 establishes a procedure for the adoption of a junior college branch campus maintenance tax by certain counties.

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 130.087(b), Education Code, to require a governing body of a junior college district branch campus or county to forward to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (coordinating board) a copy of a genuine petition to authorize a branch campus maintenance tax. Authorizes the governing body of a county with a population of 150,000 or less, to propose an election to authorize a branch campus maintenance tax, on completion of a needs assessment analysis and approval by the coordinating board.

SECTION 2. Emergency clause.
Effective date: upon passage.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES

SECTION 1.

Amends Section 130.087(b), Education Code, to authorize the governing body of a county with a population of 150,000 or less, rather than 50,000 or less, to propose an election to authorize a branch campus maintenance tax.