

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 614
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DIGEST

Currently, counties may not accept donations from foundations, corporations, and individual citizens without specific statutory authority. This bill would authorize a commissioners court to accept a gift, grant, donation, or other items on behalf of the county.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 614 authorizes a commissioners court to accept a gift, grant, donation, or other items on behalf of the county.

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 Chapter 81B, Local Government Code, by adding Section 81.032, as follows:

Sec. 81.032. ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS AND BEQUESTS. Authorizes the commissioners court to accept a gift, grant, donation, bequest, or devise of money or other property on behalf of the county for the purpose of performing a function conferred by law on the county or a county officer.

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