

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

The Water Code provides that a county containing two or more municipalities each with a population of 250,000 or more has the authority to enforce flood plain regulations through civil penalties. The Health and Safety Code authorizes county regulation of the flood plain and provides various penalties for violations. This bill would provide that a county with a population of 270,000 or more and that is adjacent to two or more counties, both with a population of one million or more, has the statutory authority to enforce flood plain regulations pursuant to Section 16.323, Water Code.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 665 provides that a county with a population of 270,000 or more and that is adjacent to two or more counties, both with a population of one million or more, has the statutory authority to enforce flood plain regulations pursuant to Section 16.323, Water Code.

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 16.323(c), Water Code, to provide that this section is applicable to a county with a population of 270,000 or more and is adjacent to two or more counties, both with a population of one million or more, as well as to counties with two or more municipalities each of which has a population of over 250,000.

SECTION 2. Emergency clause.

Effective date: upon passage.