

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST**

Currently, special logo signs advertising restaurants, service stations, and hotels are available at upcoming exits benefitting many businesses and communities, and are popular in many states. The Texas Department of Transportation administers this logo sign program along interstate highways; however, rural counties with businesses that are not located along an interstate cannot take advantage of these special logo information signs. S.B. 791 allows counties with a certain population to erect specific information logo signs.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, S.B. 791 creates provisions for the commissioners court of a county to assume powers and duties of the Transportation Commission.

### **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 391D, Transportation Code, by adding Section 391.0915, as follows:

Sec. 391.0915. COUNTY ADMINISTRATION IN CERTAIN COUNTIES. Authorizes the commissioners court of a county (court) with a maximum population of 10,000, to assume all the powers and duties of the Transportation Commission (commission) under this subchapter. Requires the court to follow a certain procedure for notifying the commission of the court's assumption and relinquishing of authority. Requires the date to be specified on notification of when a court proposes to assume or relinquish commission powers and duties. Provides that a contract for sign placement is not affected by a court's assumption of authority, except that contract payments must be made to the county. Requires funds received by a county under this subchapter to be deposited in the general county fund.

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