BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Under current law, the issues allowed to be presented on a ballot concerning alcohol prohibition are restricted in their language. This restriction may burden some smaller counties in Texas by not allowing them to address unique law enforcement situations and the ability of the counties to easily form consensus positions on alcohol issues. H.B. 3066 authorizes counties with a population of 10,000 residents or less with only a single incorporated municipality where sale of all alcoholic beverages is prohibited to structure a ballot issue in a less restrictive manner.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 251.14, Alcoholic Beverage Code, to authorize the ballot issue, in a county with a population of less than 10,000, with only a single incorporated municipality, and where the sale of all alcoholic beverages including mixed beverages is prohibited, to also limit alcohol sales in certain terms.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2001.