BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Current state law allows municipalities to resell tax foreclosed property. It also allows other taxing units party to a foreclosure to enter into an agreement with a municipality to sell such property for certain purposes. However, in this situation, municipalities are sometimes unable to present a clear title to the property to a purchaser. This may present a barrier to those who purchase the property; dissuade potential purchasers from attempting to buy foreclosed properties; and potentially undermine urban redevelopment efforts. House Bill 858 conveys a deed of foreclosed property to a purchaser at the time it is sold.

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 34.051, Tax Code, by amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (d), as follows:

- (c) Provides that the deed of conveyance of property sold under this section conveys to the purchaser the right, title, and interest acquired or held by each taxing unit that was a party to the judgment of foreclosure, subject to any remaining right of redemption of foreclosure at the time of the sale.
- (d) Created from text of existing subsection (c) with no changes in text.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2001.