

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST AND PURPOSE**

Currently, Article III, Section 49-b, Texas Constitution allows the Veterans' Land Board (VLB) to administer the Veterans' Land Program and the Veterans' Housing Assistance Program. However, the Texas Constitution does not provide for the use of assets in the Veterans' Land or Housing Assistance programs for the state veterans' home programs. As proposed, S.B. 1103 provides that receipts of the Veterans' Land Fund, Veterans' Housing Assistance Fund, or Veterans' Housing Assistance Fund II are not required for the payment of debt service on the general obligation bonds benefitting those funds, authorizing VLB to use such receipts to pay the debt service on any revenue bonds issued by VLB.

### **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 164.009(a), Natural Resources Code, to authorize the Veterans' Land Board (VLB) to provide for a pledge of and a lien or mortgage on the receipts of all kinds of the veterans' land fund, the veterans' housing assistance fund, and the veterans' housing assistance fund II determined by VLB, on the basis of certain criteria, not to be required for the payment of principal or interest on the general obligation bonds issued by VLB to augment the funds, rather than funds under certain sections of the Texas Constitution, or to make payments with respect to principal or interest under a bond enhancement agreement with respect to the general obligation funds. Deletes the text specifying bonds that are issued to provide funds to purchase and sell land to veterans or to make home mortgage loans to veterans. Makes a conforming change.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon the effective date of the proposed constitutional amendment. Provides that this act has no effect if that amendment is not approved by the voters.