

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Currently, commissioners courts in counties with a population of 200,000 or more are authorized to use an abbreviated and more cost-effective process to issue a traffic regulation. Smaller counties are required to publish notice and conduct public hearings for something as minor as modifying a traffic sign, even when not requested or desired by the public.

H.B. 3955 authorizes commissioners courts in counties with a population of 78,000 or more to post a conspicuous sign in an area that would be affected by a traffic regulation change before issuing the traffic regulation or posting a new traffic sign. A public hearing would be required only if a resident requests one.

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 251.159(a), Transportation Code, to provide that this section (Delegation of Commissioners' Authority) applies only to a county with a population of more than 78,000, rather than 200,000.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2007.