

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Currently, Section 263.007, Local Government Code, allows counties to lease real property to federal, state, or local governmental entities and qualified non-profit and for-profit entities to conduct health and human services activities. Although these leases are not subject to the normal sealed-bid proposals process, it does require certain posting procedures. In the aftermath of hurricanes Rita and Katrina, Tarrant County was unable to respond to requests for short-term leases made by agencies seeking to serve evacuees who were temporarily relocated to the affected property due to the 30-day posting requirement.

As proposed, S.B. 336 allows Tarrant County to lease real property for health and human services activities or other activities deemed to be in the public interest without the posting requirement if the lease is for less than 95 days and is for short-term emergency disaster relief services resulting from a disaster in the county or evacuees from another area.

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 263.007(e), Local Government Code, by amending Subdivision (3) and adding Subdivision (4), as follows:

(3) Makes a conforming change.

(4) Specifies that a lease that is 95 days or less, or a short-term emergency lease, is not subject to the 30-day posting period under Subdivision (3).

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2007.