

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Currently, under certain provisions of the Local Government Code relating to the eligibility of counties with no incorporated territory to apply for municipal assistance programs, only certain counties meet the criteria to apply. Under the provisions, only counties that have the power to enact ordinances are eligible to act as if they were a municipality for the purpose of participating in any federal or state program that provides grants, loans, or other assistance to municipalities. This makes it impossible for certain census designated communities in Texas to apply for grants and funding that is available to municipalities.

This bill allows any county that contains no incorporated territory of a municipality to be eligible to apply on behalf of locations in the county that are census designated places as if the places were municipalities for the purpose of participating in any federal or state program that provides grants, loans or other assistance to municipalities

H.B. 807 amends current law relating to allowing counties with no incorporated territories to participate in programs designed to assist municipalities.

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 81.034, Local Government Code, to provide that a county that contains no incorporated territory of a municipality is eligible to apply on behalf of locations in the county that are census designated places as if the places were municipalities for the purpose of participating in any federal or state program that provides grants, loans, or other assistance to municipalities. Deletes existing text providing that a county that has the power to enact ordinances under Section 81.033 (Power of Commissioners Court in County with No Incorporated Territory) is eligible as if it were a municipality for the purpose of participating in any federal or state program that provides grants, loans, or other assistance to municipalities.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2009.