

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

Currently, Harris County is part of the Houston-Galveston Area Council, a regional planning commission comprised of 13 counties. This bill allows Harris County, the state's most populous county, to create a regional planning commission of municipalities and local government organizations within the county. This bill prohibits Harris County from creating a regional planning commission with any other county.

As proposed, S.B. 1471 amends current law relating to the composition of certain regional planning commissions.

### **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 391.003, Local Government Code, by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1), as follows:

(a) Authorizes any combination of counties or municipalities or of counties and municipalities, except as provided by Subsection (a-1), to agree, by ordinance, resolution, rule, order, or other means, to establish a commission.

(a-1) Provides that a county with a population of 3.3 million or more is authorized to agree to establish a commission as provided by Subsection (a) only with municipalities located wholly or partly in the county, and is prohibited from establishing a commission with another county.

SECTION 2. Requires any county described by Section 391.003(a-1), Local Government Code, as added by this Act, not later than November 1, 2009, participating in a regional planning commission that does not comply with Section 391.003(a-1), Local Government Code, to withdraw from the commission.

SECTION 3. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2009.