

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Midlothian city officials unanimously agree that the foreign trade zone located therein will be put to its highest and best use under the city's guidance. Currently, a California-based corporate entity is the state's grantee.

As proposed, S.B. 2231 designates the City of Midlothian as the sole, state-authorized grantee of the federal authority to operate the Midlothian foreign trade zone located in Midlothian, Ellis County.

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 681.170, Business & Commerce Code, as effective April 1, 2009, as follows:

Sec. 681.170. New heading: CITY OF MIDLOTHIAN. Authorizes the City of Midlothian, rather than the Midlothian Trade Zone Corporation organized under the laws of this state, to apply for and accept a grant of authority to establish, operate, and maintain a foreign trade zone in Midlothian, Ellis County, adjacent to the port limits of the Dallas-Forth Worth port of entry; and other subzones in Ellis County.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2009.