

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

The 80th Legislature, Regular Session, 2007, enacted a bill that extended the application of certain cities' drainage fees to the unincorporated areas of the county within which the city was located. Funds generated by the fees are used to make improvements designed to reduce flooding and address the appropriate drainage of storm water. Current law allows, but does not require, cities to exempt the property of governmental entities from the drainage fee.

S.B. 874 exempts county-owned property from the drainage fee imposed by a city under Section 552.047 (Drainage Charges), Local Government Code, and all ordinances, resolutions, and rules adopted under the subchapter.

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 552.053, Local Government Code, as effective April 1, 2009, by adding Subsection (e), to provide that the property owned by a county in which a municipality described by Section 552.044(8)(A) (regarding a municipality of more than 500,000 population located within 50 miles of an international border) is located is exempt from drainage charges under Section 552.047 (Drainage Charges) and all ordinances, resolutions, and rules adopted under this subchapter.

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

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