

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Currently, a property owners' association may not install and maintain speed feedback or electronic speed limit signs. A significant number of the property owners' associations in Texas have families with children and want additional tools to secure the safety of children, pedestrians, and cyclists within their respective jurisdictions. They have expressed interest in having the option to install and maintain speed feedback cameras to increase speed awareness and alert motorists using thoroughfares in the association's jurisdiction. H.B. 1737 seeks to give a property owners' association an additional safety tool by authorizing the association to install a speed feedback sign on a road, highway, or street within the association's jurisdiction, at the expense of the association, under certain conditions.

H.B. 1737 amends current law relating to the installation of a speed feedback sign by a property owners' association.

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 Chapter 430, Transportation Code, by adding Section 430.02, as follows:

Sec. 430.002. SPEED FEEDBACK SIGNS ERECTED BY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION. (a) Defines, in this section, "property owners' association."

(b) Authorizes a property owners' association to install a speed feedback sign on a road, highway, or street in the association's jurisdiction if:

(1) the association receives the consent of the governing body of the political subdivision that maintains the road, highway, or street for the placement of the sign; and

(2) the association pays for the installation of the sign.

(c) Provides that a property owners' association that installs a speed feedback sign under this section is responsible for the maintenance of the sign.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2011.