## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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

Under current law, certain counties have more authority over the regulation of slaughterhouses than other counties. In some areas, the county commissioners court has the authority to require a slaughterer to obtain a permit from the county and to prohibit the operation of a slaughterhouse under certain circumstances. Currently, Navarro County does not have this authority.

H.B. 92 amends current law relating to the regulation of slaughterers by certain counties.

## **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 148.001, Agriculture Code, to redefine "slaughterer."

SECTION 2. Amends Section 234.032, Local Government Code, as follows:

Sec. 234.032. APPLICABILITY. Provides that this subchapter applies only in the unincorporated area of a county if the county:

- (1) contains two or more municipalities with a population of 250,000 or more;
- (2) is a county adjacent to a county described by Subdivision (1); or
- (3) is a county adjacent to a county described by Subdivision (2) and has a population of not more than 50,000, and contains a municipality with a population of at least 2,000.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2011.

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