

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

Senate Research Center  
86R2593 SLB-D

H.B. 489  
By: Springer (Seliger)  
Water & Rural Affairs  
5/8/2019  
Engrossed

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

H.B. 489 amends current law relating to the use of certain weapons in or on the beds or banks of certain rivers and streams in particular counties.

Current law prohibits the discharge of a firearm or archery equipment if an individual is in a bank or bed of a river or stream, or if the discharge from the firearm or archery equipment would end up in the bed or bank of a river or stream for select counties. The select counties include Dimmitt, Edwards, Kenedy, Llano, Maverick, Real, Uvalde, and Zavala Counties. The bill would include Hall County on this list.

The bill's purpose is to preserve the rights of property owners in Hall County and deter trespassing on private property.

H.B. 489 amends current law relating to the use of certain weapons in or on the beds or banks of certain rivers and streams in particular 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 284.001(b), Parks and Wildlife Code, to add a navigable river or stream located wholly or partly in Hall County to a list of rivers and streams in certain counties to which this section (Discharge of Firearm Prohibited) applies.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2019.