

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

There have been calls to honor the life and legacy of County Commissioner El Franco Lee, whose contributions to his community have been felt by many Texans. H.B. 635 seeks to recognize Commissioner Lee by designating a portion of U.S. Highway 59 in Harris County as the Commissioner El Franco Lee Memorial Highway.

H.B. 635 amends the Transportation Code to designate the portion of U.S. Highway 59 in Harris County between its intersection with Interstate Highway 10 and its intersection with Loop 610 as the Commissioner El Franco Lee Memorial Highway in addition to any other designation. The bill requires the Texas Department of Transportation, subject to a grant or donation of funds, to design and construct markers indicating the designation as the Commissioner El Franco Lee Memorial Highway and any other appropriate information and to erect a marker at each end of the highway and at appropriate intermediate sites along the highway.

H.B. 635 amends current law relating to the designation of a portion of U.S. Highway 59 in Harris County as the Commissioner El Franco Lee Memorial Highway.

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 Subchapter B, Chapter 225, Transportation Code, by adding Section 225.152, as follows:

Sec. 225.152. COMMISSIONER EL FRANCO LEE MEMORIAL HIGHWAY. (a) Provides that the portion of U.S. Highway 59 in Harris County between its intersection with Interstate Highway 10 and its intersection with Loop 610 is designated as the Commissioner El Franco Lee Memorial Highway. Provides that this designation is in addition to any other designation.

(b) Requires the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), subject to Section 225.021(c) (relating to prohibiting TxDOT from designing, constructing, or erecting a marker unless a grant or donation of funds is made to cover the cost), to:

(1) design and construct markers indicating the designation as the Commissioner El Franco Lee Memorial Highway and any other appropriate information; and

(2) erect a marker at each end of the highway and at appropriate intermediate sites along the highway.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2019.