

- SUBJECT:** Local authority to enact and enforce certain traffic regulations
- COMMITTEE:** Transportation — committee substitute recommended
- VOTE:** 9 ayes — Phillips, Darby, Bonnen, Y. Davis, Fletcher, Harper-Brown, Lavender, Martinez, McClendon
- 0 nays
- 2 absent — Pickett, Rodriguez
- WITNESSES:** For — Jesús Garza, City of Von Ormy, Texas; (*Registered, but did not testify*: TJ Patterson, City of Fort Worth)
- Against — None
- BACKGROUND:** Transportation Code sec. 545.356 allows a municipal government to post a speed limit no lower than 25 miles per hour on an undivided highway or partial highway not in the state highway system.
- DIGEST:** CSHB 2596 would allow a municipal government to post a speed limit no lower than 20 miles per hour on a one or two-lane undivided highway or partial highway not in the state highway system.
- At the request of all property owners along a privately owned road within a subdivision, a county commissioners court could set and enforce a speed limit not less than 20 miles per hour. The county could require the property owners to pay the costs of enforcing the adjusted speed limit.
- CSHB 2596 would prohibit the City of Austin from requiring a parking permit within 1000 feet of the South Congress Avenue at East Live Oak Street Capitol view corridor if the street or alley had a posted speed limit of 35 miles per hour or less.
- CSHB 2596 would allow the Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to enter into an agreement with local governments on the use of TxTag to pay for parking at local airports.

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The bill would take immediate effect if finally passed by a two-thirds record vote of the membership of each house. Otherwise, it would take effect September 1, 2011.