

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

H.B. 1749

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Defense Affairs and State-Federal Relations  
Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Under Section 49 of Article III of the Texas Constitution, the Veterans' Land Board of the State of Texas (VLB) is allowed to administer the Veterans' Land Program and the Veterans' Housing Assistance Program. The 77th Legislature passed a constitutional amendment, which was approved by the voters in November 2001, allowing excess assets in those programs also to be used to plan and design, operate, maintain, enlarge, or improve veterans cemeteries. The VLB also currently operates four state veterans homes. The Texas Constitution does not currently provide for the use of assets in the Veterans' Land Program or the Veterans' Housing Assistance Program for the state veterans home program. HB 1749 is the enacting clause for HJR 68 which amends the Texas Constitution to provide that if the Veterans' Land Board determines that receipts of the veterans' land fund, veterans' housing assistance fund, or veterans' housing assistance fund II are not required for the payment of debt service on the general obligation bonds benefitting those funds, the VLB may use such receipts to pay the debt service on any revenue bonds issued by the VLB.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

### **ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. This SECTION strikes references to inexistent provisions in the Texas Constitution and allows flexibility to the VLB to use excess money from various funds administered by the Board to be used in the Veterans Home program.

SECTION 2. Effective Date: This Act takes effect on the date on which the associated constitutional amendment takes effect. If that amendment is not approved by the voters, this Act has no effect.