

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 2466
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Urban Affairs
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Chapter 212 of the Local Government Code contains the provisions for the approval of subdivisions by cities. It is entitled *Municipal Regulation of Subdivisions and Property Development*. It contains the fundamental authority and procedures for the approval of subdivision plats, developer participation agreements, moratoriums, and other miscellaneous provisions contained in subchapter Z. House Bill 2466 would add a prohibition that a city could not require the payment of legal fees for the approval of a development project.

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.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Local Government Code, Chapter 212, Subchapter Z, to add Section 212.904 prohibiting municipalities from requiring developers, or third parties, from paying legal fees incurred by a city in the review of a development project that requires approval of a municipality.

SECTION 2. Effective date.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2003.