BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, a holder of a mixed beverage late hours permit, in a county having a population of 500,000 or more, according to the last preceding federal census, may sell and offer for sale mixed beverages between midnight and 2 a.m. on any day. In a county having a population of less than 500,000, the above referenced hours are effective for the sale of mixed beverages and the offer to sell them by a holder of a mixed beverages late hour permit: (1) in the unincorporated areas of the county if the extended hours are adopted by an order of the commissioners court; and (2) in an incorporated city or town if the extended hours are adopted by an ordinance of the governing body of the city or town. H.B. 2579 includes certain cities among the entities authorized to permit extended hours of sale for mixed beverages and beer.

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 Sections 105.03(c) and (d), Alcoholic Beverage Code, as follows:

- (c) Authorizes a holder of a mixed beverage late hours permit, in a city, as well as in a county, having a population of 500,000 or more, according to the last preceding federal census, also to sell and offer for sale mixed beverages between midnight and 2 a.m. on any day.
- (d) Makes a conforming change.

SECTION 2. Amends Sections 105.05(c) and (d), Alcoholic Beverage Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2003.