

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

C.S.H.B. 3221  
By: Bohac  
Border and International Affairs  
Committee Report (Substituted)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Some confusion exists around platting requirements for counties near an international border. Currently, §232.022, Subchapter B of the Local Government Code - Subdivision Platting Requirements in a County Near An International Border, requires platting only for land subdivided into two or more lots intended primarily for residential use and that a lot is presumed to be intended primarily for residential use if the lot is five acres or less. Under §232.0015(f), Subchapter A of the Local Government Code - Platting Requirements in General, a lot is exempt from platting requirements in which all of the subdivisions are larger than 10 acres. C.S.H.B. 3221 would make clear that the owner of a tract of land located in a county near an international border and located outside of a municipality is not required to file a plat of the subdivision if all the lots in the subdivision are 10 acres or larger.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly delegate any additional rulemaking authority to a state office, department, agency, or institution.

### **ANALYSIS**

C.S.H.B. 3221 amends the Local Government Code to provide that a landowner whose land is outside of a municipality and in which all of the lots of his subdivision are ten acres or larger is not required to file a plat of this subdivision.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

September 1, 2003.

### **COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL TO SUBSTITUTE**

The substitute amends the original by clarifying that this section applies to lots that are ten acres or larger, rather than larger than ten acres. The substitute also makes non-substantive technical changes.

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