

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Current state law authorizes the commissioners court of a county to prohibit or regulate the keeping of wild animals. As proposed, S.B. 708 clarifies that the commissioners court can delegate that authority to public health districts.

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 Section 240.002, Local Government Code, by adding Subsection (c) to authorize a commissioners court of a county to delegate the authority granted under Subsection (a) to a county health department or a public health district established under Chapter 121E, Health and Safety Code (Local Public Health Reorganization Act).

SECTION 2. Amends Section 822.116(b), Health and Safety Code, to provide that this subchapter does not prevent a municipality or county, or a public health district authorized by a county under Section 240.002, Local Government Code (Regulation), from prohibiting or regulating by ordinance or order the ownership, possession, confinement, or care of a dangerous wild animal.

SECTION 3. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2003.