

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 1671
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County Affairs
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

The Texas Transportation Code allows persons and neighborhood association to erect a gate across certain neighborhood and third-class roads. Since the time this code was enacted, these roads have seen increasing amounts of motor vehicle traffic. Several problems have arisen; for instance, farm machinery is larger and needs more room for clearance. The gates also cause unnecessary delay to emergency vehicles. Emergency personnel must stop the vehicle, exit the vehicle, open the gate, get back in the vehicle, drive through the gate, and then get out and close the gate or be guilty of an offense for failing to close the gate.

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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.

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EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2007.