

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 2281
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Land & Resource Management
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Currently, state law allows for the governing body of a municipality to authorize an administrative official to approve certain minor plats. There are strict requirements and definitions of what constitutes a minor plat (that it involves four or fewer lots fronting an existing street; does not require the creation of any new street; and does not require the extension of municipal facilities). However, simple replatting requests are unnecessarily involved and complex, requiring notice in the newspaper and a public hearing before a planning commission even if the replat involved meets the strict definitions of a minor plat as listed above.

The purpose of H.B. 2281 is to amend Section 212.0065(a), Local Government Code, to allow administrative approval of minor replats to mirror the approval process for minor plats.

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.

ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. *Amends Section 212.0065(a), Local Government Code, as follows:*

Authorizes the governing body of a municipality to delegate to one or more officers or employees of the municipality or of a utility owned or operated by the municipality the ability to approve, among other things, a minor replat, under certain requirements existing regarding minor plats.

SECTION 2. Effective Date.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Upon passage, or, if the Act does not receive the necessary vote, the Act takes effect September 1, 2007.