

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

H.B. 2296 designates a certain portion of State Highway 130 in central Texas as the "Pickle Parkway," in honor of former United States Congressman J.J. "Jake" Pickle. The bill requires signs identifying the highway as such to be funded through private grants or donations.

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 Subchapter B, Chapter 225, Transportation Code, by adding Section 225.066, as follows:

Sec. 225.066. PICKLE PARKWAY. (a) Designates State Highway 130 between Interstate Highway 35 and State Highway 195 in Williamson County and Interstate Highway 10 in Guadalupe County as the Pickle Parkway.

(b) Requires the Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to design and construct markers indicating the highway number, the designation as the Pickle Parkway, and any other appropriate information.

(c) Requires TxDOT to erect a marker at each end of the turnpike and at appropriate intermediate sites along the turnpike.

(d) Provides that TxDOT is not required to design, construct, or erect a marker under this section unless a grant or donation of private funds is made to the department to cover the cost of the design, construction, and erection of the marker, notwithstanding Subsections (b) and (c).

(e) Requires money received under Subsection (d) to be deposited to the credit of the state highway fund.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2007.