

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

S.B. 191  
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County Affairs  
Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Currently, Chapters 334 and 335, Local Government Code, authorize communities to fund a wide variety of sports and community "venues" by levying certain taxes and issuing bonds approved by the voters. The current law was not intended to authorize a municipality to use revenue generated from such sources to finance improvements to one venue project and later use the revenue from that source to demolish that project and construct an entirely new venue project.

As proposed, S.B. 191 prohibits a municipality, following an election, from designating a sports stadium as a venue project, collecting revenue to upgrade, improve, or maintain that project, and later using the revenue from that source to demolish that project and construct an entirely new venue project.

### **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**

S.B. 191 amends Section 334.003, of the Local Government Code, by adding an Subsection (b), which is an exception to Subsection (a). Subsection (b) will prohibit a county or municipality from using revenue from a method of financing approved at an election held under this chapter for the purpose of improving, renovating, or expanding a venue or related infrastructure planned, acquired, established, developed, constructed, or renovated under other law, to demolish the venue and subsequently construct a new venue. This bill makes the application of this Act prospective.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

September 1, 2007.