

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

C.S.S.B. 893  
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Committee Report (Substituted)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

The Transportation Code authorizes a border city to construct a railroad toll bridge by defining a "toll bridge" as including property used for a road, street, or railroad. However the Transportation Code excludes the term *railroad* in its description of the authority for a county to construct a toll bridge. As such, cities along the border are authorized to construct a railroad toll bridge, but border counties lack similar authority.

C.S.S.B. 893 amends the Transportation Code by defining "bridge," and authorizing a county to enter into a lease or various types of agreements with a private or governmental entity for the purpose of constructing and maintaining such a bridge.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

It is the opinion of the committee that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

### **ANALYSIS**

C.S.S.B. 893 amends the Transportation Code by defining the term "bridge", for the purposes of this Act, as including a bridge used by vehicles, pedestrians, or railroads, or a combination of vehicles, pedestrians, or railroads. The bill sets forth provisions authorizing a county to enter into an agreement with a private or governmental entity in this state for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, maintaining, or operating a toll bridge. The bill also sets forth provisions, in connection with or in support of an agreement entered into under this Act, authorizing a county to enter into a lease or an agreement with a private or governmental entity.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

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

### **COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL TO SUBSTITUTE**

The substitute differs from the original in that it is a document prepared by the Texas Legislative Council. The substitute also differs in that it deletes language wherein the definition and provisions of this Act did not apply to a county with a population of more than 675,000.