

BILL ANALYSIS

S.B. 874
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Border & Intergovernmental Affairs
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

The 80th Legislature, Regular Session, 2007, enacted a bill that extended the application of certain cities' drainage fees to the unincorporated areas of the county within which the city was located. Funds generated by the fees are used to make improvements to reduce flooding and to address the appropriate drainage of storm water. Current law allows, but does not require, cities to exempt the property of governmental entities from the drainage fee.

S.B. 874 exempts property owned by a county in which a municipality with a population over 500,000, within 50 miles of an international border, is located from municipal utility drainage service charges and all ordinances, resolutions, and rules adopted under provisions relating to municipal drainage utility systems.

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. 874 amends the Local Government Code to exempt property owned by a county in which a municipality with a population over 500,000, within 50 miles of an international border, is located from municipal utility drainage service charges and all ordinances, resolutions, and rules adopted under provisions relating to municipal drainage utility systems.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the act does not receive the necessary vote, the act takes effect September 1, 2009.