

BILL ANALYSIS

S.B. 2228
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Land & Resource Management
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Coryell County wants to build a new county jail, but does not have the land on which to build. The Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) has a small parcel of land that is not being used for essential TDCJ-related activities and has no future plans for the land.

S.B. 2228 transfers certain state property from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to Coryell County.

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. 2228 requires the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ), not later than November 1, 2009, to transfer to Coryell County the real property described in detail by the bill's provisions. The bill requires Coryell County to use the transferred property only for a purpose that benefits the public interest of the state, and specifies that if Coryell County no longer uses the property for a purpose that benefits the public interest of the state, ownership of the property automatically reverts to TDCJ. The bill requires TDCJ to transfer the property by an appropriate instrument of transfer, and provides requirements the instrument of transfer must meet. The bill requires TDCJ to grant to Coryell County certain utility easements to the real property described by the bill's provisions, and requires such easements to be mutually beneficial and agreed upon by TDCJ and Coryell County.

EFFECTIVE DATE

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