

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 141
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Agriculture & Livestock
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Currently, a county commissioners court may allow a slaughterhouse to operate in an unincorporated area of the county if the county contains two or more municipalities with a population of 250,000 or more or is a county adjacent to a county with two or more such municipalities. Interested parties claim the statutory provision establishing that limitation is unclear because it does not explain the meaning of "contains." H.B. 141 seeks to clarify that provision.

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

H.B. 141 amends the Local Government Code to clarify that the unincorporated area of a county, or of an adjacent county, is subject to provisions relating to county regulation of slaughterers if the two or more municipalities with a population of 250,000 or more required to be contained in that county are contained wholly or partly in the county.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2011.