

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 1896
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Transportation
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Currently, the highway interchange forming the shape of a diamond in the heart of the Dallas-Fort Worth metropolitan region in Irving has yet to be designated with the name by which it is commonly known to most North Texans. The Irving Diamond Interchange is a distinctive and signature landmark that serves significant north-south and east-west mobility needs. H.B. 1896 recognizes its importance by providing for the designation of the Irving Diamond Interchange.

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. 1896 amends the Transportation Code to designate the interchange in Irving between State Highway 183, State Highway 114, Loop 12/Interstate Highway 35E, Spur 482 and Trinity Parkway, and the Orange Line of the Dallas Area Rapid Transit Authority as the Irving Diamond Interchange. The bill requires the Texas Department of Transportation to design and construct markers indicating the interchange number, the designation as the Irving Diamond Interchange, and any other appropriate information and to erect a marker at one or more sites on the interchange and approaching the interchange in each direction.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2011.