

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

Regional councils assist governmental entities in responding to the needs of constituents by providing a statewide, multifunctional network for determining the most effective and efficient way to meet local needs and overseeing the delivery of needed services. Generally, the purpose of a regional council is to study and create plans to guide the unified, pervasive development of a region, eliminate duplication, and promote economy and efficiency. A regional council is a useful instrument that enables local government to implement public policy and provide essential services.

H.B. 2160 amends current law relating to the governing bodies of certain local planning organizations.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 391.006, Local Government Code, by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (c), as follows:

(a) Authorizes participating governmental units, except as provided by Subsection (c), to by joint agreement determine the number and qualifications of members of the governing body of a regional planning commission, council of governments, or similar regional planning agency created under this chapter (commission).

(c) Requires the governing body of a commission of a region that is consistent with the geographic boundaries of a state planning region shall offer an ex officio membership on the governing body to a member of the legislature who represents a district located wholly or partly in the region of the commission.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2011.