BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Current law requires a city to hold a citywide election for approval before selling, transferring, or conveying park land. However, some park lands are not used for a park or for recreational purposes and the expense of holding an election to approve selling or trading the land would be cumbersome.

H.B. 3352 exempts the conveyance of certain park lands from the provisions governing the sale of park lands, municipal building sites, or abandoned roadways.

The bill is bracketed for Deer Park.

H.B. 3352 amends current law relating to the sale of park land owned by certain municipalities.

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 253.001, Local Government Code, by adding Subsection (l), to provide that Subsection (b) (relating to sale of park land being prohibited unless by election) does not apply to a conveyance of park land owned by a home-rule municipality that is located in a county with a population of more than three million, and has a population of more than 25,000 and less than 33,000.

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