

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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H.B. 2968  
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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

Interested parties contend that the current authorization for the restricted use of a golf cart or utility vehicle on public highways in certain municipalities and counties does not adequately account for the unincorporated areas of counties with similar features. H.B. 2968 addresses this issue by revising the conditions under which these vehicles may operate on a public highway in certain counties.

H.B. 2968 amends current law relating to the operation of a golf cart or utility vehicle on a public highway in certain counties.

### **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 551.404(a-2), Transportation Code, to provide that Subsection (a-1) (relating to authorizing the commissioners court of a county to allow an operator to operate a golf cart or utility vehicle on all or part of a public highway that meets certain criteria) applies only to a county that is adjacent to a county described by Subdivision (2) and has a population of less than 37,000, rather than 30,000, and contains a part of a barrier island or peninsula that borders the Gulf of Mexico.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2017.