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| BILL ANALYSIS |

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| H.B. 1814 |
| By: Reynolds |
| County Affairs |
| Committee Report (Unamended) |

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| **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE** There are concerns that the increasing popularity of roadside vending creates a variety of safety issues, such as pedestrian traffic on the roadside, frequent stops of vehicular traffic, and food safety-related issues. H.B. 1814 seeks to address these concerns by extending to other counties the authority of certain counties to regulate roadside vending in the unincorporated portions of the county.  |
| **CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT**It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision. |
| **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. 1814 amends the Transportation Code to authorize the commissioners court of a county with a population of more than 550,000 that is adjacent to a county with a population of four million by order to regulate, for purposes of promoting the public safety, the following in the unincorporated area of the county if they occur on a public highway or road, in the right-of-way of a public highway or road, or in a parking lot: * the sale of items by a vendor of food or merchandise, including live animals;
* the erection, maintenance, or placement of a structure by a vendor of food or merchandise, including live animals; and
* the solicitation of money.
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| **EFFECTIVE DATE** On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2019. |