# **BILL ANALYSIS**

C.S.H.B. 519 By: Thierry Transportation Committee Report (Substituted)

## BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

There have been calls to honor the life and service of Congresswoman Barbara Jordan, who was the first African American woman elected to the Texas Senate and the first African American woman from a southern state elected to the U.S. Congress. C.S.H.B. 519 seeks to recognize the legendary career and advocacy of Congresswoman Jordan by designating a portion of State Highway 288 in Harris County as the Barbara Jordan Memorial Parkway.

#### 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

C.S.H.B. 519 amends the Transportation Code to designate the portion of State Highway 288 in Harris County beginning at the Cleburne Street exit and continuing until the intersection of State Highway 288 and Beltway 8 as the Barbara Jordan Memorial Parkway. The bill requires the Texas Department of Transportation, subject to a grant or donation of funds, to design and construct markers indicating the designation as the Barbara Jordan Memorial Parkway and any other appropriate information and to erect a marker at each end of the parkway and at appropriate intermediate sites along the parkway.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2019.

#### **COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL AND SUBSTITUTE**

While C.S.H.B. 519 may differ from the original in minor or nonsubstantive ways, the following summarizes the substantial differences between the introduced and committee substitute versions of the bill.

The substitute changes the portion of State Highway 288 designated as the Barbara Jordan Memorial Parkway.