

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

C.S.H.B. 837  
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Committee Report (Substituted)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

It has been suggested that the authorization for certain municipalities with a specified maximum population to sell land the municipality owns near a lake shoreline to the person leasing the land without notice or the solicitation of bids is beneficial as it provides for one owner for both the property's improvements and the property itself. C.S.H.B. 837 seeks to change the applicable municipalities to keep up with the expanding growth of municipalities like the City of Fort Worth.

### **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. 837 amends the Local Government Code to change the type of municipality that may sell, without notice or the solicitation of bids, land it owns that is within 5,000 feet of where the shoreline of a lake would be if the lake were filled to its storage capacity to the person leasing the land for the fair market value of the land as determined by a certified appraiser from a municipality having a population of 825,000 or less to a municipality other than a municipality with a population of more than one million that is located primarily in a county with a population of two million or more.

### **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. 837 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 revised municipality that may sell the applicable land from a municipality having a population of 1.5 million or less to a municipality other than a municipality with a population of more than one million that is located primarily in a county with a population of two million or more.