

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 1627
By: Morrison
Environmental Regulation
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

It has been noted that although Victoria County had previously been declared a nonattainment area by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the county has not been designated as such since the EPA redesignated the area around two decades ago. This situation has prompted calls to remove the county as an affected county for purposes of the Texas emissions reduction plan. H.B. 1627 seeks to provide for this removal.

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. 1627 amends the Health and Safety Code to remove Victoria County as an affected county for purposes of the Texas emissions reduction plan.

EFFECTIVE DATE

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