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| BILL ANALYSIS |

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| H.B. 4245 |
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| Urban Affairs |
| Committee Report (Unamended) |

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| **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**  Municipalities located in a county with a population over two million may adopt ordinances that require owners of vacant buildings to register their buildings. Registering vacant building helps a municipality to minimize the threat to health, safety, and welfare that vacant buildings may present to the public. However, most municipalities lack this authority and Lubbock, with a population of about 253,000 people, would benefit from having this authority. H.B. 4245 seeks to address this issue by authorizing a municipality with a population of 250,000 or more located entirely in a county with a population of less than 320,000 that does not contain an international border to adopt ordinances to register vacant buildings. |
| **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. 4245 amends the Local Government Code to authorize a municipality with a population of 250,000 or more located wholly in a county with a population of less than 320,000 that does not contain an international border to adopt an ordinance requiring owners of vacant buildings to register their buildings by filing a registration form with a designated municipal official. |
| **EFFECTIVE DATE**  September 1, 2021. |