

PUBLIC COMMENTS

HB 83

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON COUNTY AFFAIRS

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Hearing Date: April 8, 2021 10:30 AM - or upon final adjourn./recess or bill referral if permission granted

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Bud Graves, County Commissioner Pct. 2  
Wharton County Commissioner Precinct #2  
East Bernard, TX

I oppose this Bill

J.D. (Butch) Wagner, County Judge  
Terry County  
Brownfield, TX

The sale and use of fireworks should be a local decision by the commissioners court after an opportunity to consult with our fire departments and consideration of weather conditions. I do not oppose bills that grant the discretion to commissioners court to make this decision.

Chris Prock, Commissioner  
Hutchinson County  
Borger, TX

There is no reason for firework to be sold a day after July 4th. Everyone that purchases fireworks knows the law and if they desire to pop fireworks on the 5th, they can buy them on the 4th like they always have.

Roger Harmon, County Judge  
Johnson County  
Cleburne, TX

I oppose HB 83, HB 3967 and HB 4519. The reason is during certain times of the year drought conditions occur and as representative of the public the commissioners court needs to evaluate the conditions of the County before allowing the use of fireworks, it's a matter of safety for our citizens and for our firefighters. Mandator sales and use of fireworks would be a threat to our firefighters and public .Our court have always been fair on allowing fireworks if the conditions are favorable. Thank you Judge Roger Harmon

Robert Johnston, County Judge  
Anderson County  
Palestine, TX

Anderson County does not support this bill without Commissioners Court approval before it is allowed.

Don Allred, County Judge  
Oldham County/ Self  
Vega, TX

Don R. Allred, I represent Oldham County and myself. I am opposed to HB 83 unless it gives local decision makers control to restrict if conditions warrant. No one should be able to leave the city because they have the right to ban fireworks and be forced into the unincorporated area to burn up my fields. I urge you to vote no on HB 83