

**BILL ANALYSIS**

H.B. 954  
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Land & Resource Management  
Committee Report (Unamended)

**BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Counties play a significant role in overseeing land development and ensuring orderly growth. However, existing laws may limit a county's ability to cancel subdivisions located within a municipality's extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ). This restriction may create challenges in managing land use and development, leading to inconsistencies in subdivision regulation. In some cases, these developments may also strain county resources, create infrastructure challenges, and hinder effective planning. H.B. 954 seeks to address this issue by expanding the applicability of provisions relating to the authority of a county to cancel a subdivision.

**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. 954 amends the Local Government Code to expand the applicability of provisions relating to the authority of a county to cancel a subdivision by making the provisions applicable to real property located outside the area in the extraterritorial jurisdiction of a municipality not subject to an agreement that grants a county exclusive jurisdiction to regulate subdivision plats and approve related permits in the extraterritorial jurisdiction or that apportions the area to a county for such regulation and approval.

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

September 1, 2025.