

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Current Texas alcohol laws outline a patchwork system of wet and dry counties that are not flexible to the needs of communities like Garland, Texas. Without local authority, Garland has been designated a dry community, and leaders have limited ability to dictate if and where alcohol-selling businesses can operate. This presents challenges for Garland's ability to attract businesses and residents, which are essential for the development of the community.

S.B. 2633 would amend the Alcoholic Beverage Code to allow the City of Garland to hold open elections on the sale of alcoholic beverages and implement zoning regulations for alcohol-selling businesses within designated zones. These provisions would allow Garland to ensure that businesses align with community interests, promote economic growth through responsible commercial development, and strengthen quality of life through targeted regulations.

As proposed, S.B. 2633 amends current law relating to a local option election on the sale of alcoholic beverages in certain areas of a municipality and the local regulation of premises in those areas.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 251.742, Alcoholic Beverage Code, by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (i), as follows:

(b) Provides that Section 251.742 (Municipal Alcoholic Beverage Zone) applies only to certain municipalities, including a municipality that has a population of 240,000 or more and is located in two or more counties and borders a man-made lake that has a surface area of at least 20,000 acres. Makes nonsubstantive changes.

(i) Authorizes the governing body of the municipality, subject to Chapter 211 (Municipal Zoning Authority), Local Government Code, to adopt zoning and land use regulations applicable to a premises that sells alcoholic beverages in the boundaries of a zone designated under this section.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2025.