

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Section 683.015 of the Transportation Code currently allows a municipality or county to transfer funds in excess of \$1,000, taken from the criminal forfeiture revenue account. These funds may be used to compensate property damage that occurred as a result of a criminal pursuit. House Bill 1931 also grants district attorneys representing the state with the power to compensate the property owners with these funds.

The committee substitute applies the bill to counties with a population less than 150,000. It no longer includes personal property seized or taken into custody, to encompass a smaller array of offenses.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

The bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority.

### **ANALYSIS**

Section 683.0154 of the Transportation Code is amended by amending Subsections (d), (f), and (g) and adding Subsection (h).

An Attorney representing the state under this section means:

- District attorney
- Criminal district attorney
- Or a county attorney performing the duties of a district attorney

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.