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Bill Analysis

SB 1182 authorizes counties with a population of 50,000 or more to conduct business as well as adopt and enforce rules and regulations that are otherwise not specifically prohibited by law. Additionally, such counties may prescribe punishment for the enforcement of a violation of an existing and adopted public safety or public nuisance rule or regulation. These counties may also amend and repeal codes which create or authorize programs and services in the elected offices and divisions of county government determined by the board of county commissioners to be the responsibilities of county government and in the best interest, safety and welfare of the citizens of the county, exclusive of matters related to public health, and not specifically prohibited by any rule or law. Counties may expend federal funds made available to the county according to the permissible uses of the applicable federal legislation or guidance issued by any federal agency. Counties cannot adopt or enact any action which regulates the business activity of any legal entity which is subject to the regulatory jurisdiction of any state agency, board, commission, department or other entity of state government. Counties wishing to authorize a home rule form of government must utilize current forms of authorization provided for in law. Contracts may be entered into by the counties to enforce adopted regulations and rules. The district attorney shall provide any legal services necessary in the preparation of any policy, procedure, rule, code, or regulation which the board of county commissioners wants to consider adopting.

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