

**Bill Summary**  
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**Bill Analysis**

SB 1947 authorizes the board of county commissioners to designate a road as an open range road. An open range road is a road maintained by the county that does not require livestock to be fenced out of the roadway. The board may make such a decision after receiving a petition from a property owner who resides in the county. The measure requires the board to determine the whether the road is open to the public and dismiss the petition if it is not. If the road and petition meet the qualifications outlined in the measure, a hearing shall be set and the petitioner shall notify affected landowners. Notice shall be given 21 days in advance of the hearing. If the road is designated as an open range road, cattle guards shall be set up at each access point at the expense of the petitioner. If the commission denies the request, the petitioner may appeal to the district court. The appeal shall be taken within 10 days after the denial. The commissioners may also remove the designation after receiving a petition signed by 50% of the landowners whose property is immediately affected by the road. The process for removing the designation shall follow the process for placing the designation.

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