

PROCLAMATION
BY THE
Governor of the State of Texas

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TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto Senate Bill No. 2169 as passed by the Eighty-first Texas Legislature, Regular Session, because of the following objections:

Senate Bill No. 2169 would create a new governmental body that would centralize the decision-making process in Austin for the planning of communities through an interagency work group on "smart growth" policy. Decisions about the growth of communities should be made by local governments closest to the people living and working in these areas. Local governments can already adopt "smart growth" policies based on the desires of the community without a state-led effort that endorses such planning. This legislation would promote a one-size-fits-all approach to land use and planning that would not work across a state as large and diverse as Texas.

Since the Legislature by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing these objections in the office of the Secretary of State and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 19th day of June, 2009.

Rick Perry

RICK PERRY
Governor of Texas

ATTESTED BY:

Coby Shorter III

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Deputy Secretary of State

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SECRETARY OF STATE
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