

## Summary of Chapter 1 Proposed Changes

The Texas Department of Transportation (department) proposes amendments to §1.2, Texas Department of Transportation, to define a population-based classification of department districts in response to H. B. No. 3444, 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, which requires the Texas Transportation Commission (commission) to adopt rules to prescribe criteria for the classification of each district as metropolitan, urban, or rural. The bill specifies that a district with a population of more than one million is classified as metropolitan. The rules provides that a district with a population between one million to 400,000 is classified as urban and a district with less than 400,000 is classified as rural. After each federal decennial census, the department will review the classification of the districts and recommend to the commission any changes to classification criteria that the department considers to be necessary.