

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 906
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Defense & Veterans' Affairs
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Currently, some counties are unable to provide to veterans certain locally administered services due to a lack of qualified veterans county service officers in the area. Interested parties assert that the requirements to qualify for appointment as such an officer should be revised to help resolve this shortage. H.B. 906 seeks to address this issue so that veterans in Texas are better served.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 906 amends the Government Code to include the spouse of a retired veteran who served a minimum of 20 years on active duty among the individuals who meet the service experience requirements necessary to qualify for appointment as a veterans county service officer.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2015.