

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 3014
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Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Reports indicate a lack of clarity as to whether the clerk and other personnel of the Lubbock Municipal Court are subject to the direction and control of the presiding judge of the court or the city manager's office. H.B. 3014 seeks to provide clarification by establishing that the clerk and other personnel are not subject to the direction and control of the presiding judge of the Lubbock Municipal Court.

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. 3014 amends the Government Code to exempt the municipal court of record of the City of Lubbock from statutory provisions requiring the clerk and other court personnel to perform their duties under the direction and control of the presiding judge and the governing body by ordinance to provide for the hiring, direction, supervision, and removal of the personnel authorized in the annual budget for the clerk's office.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2019.