

SUBJECT: Removing certain provisions for installing certain clerks in Bexar County

COMMITTEE: Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence — committee substitute recommended

VOTE: 8 ayes — Leach, Davis, Julie Johnson, Krause, Middleton, Moody,
Schofield, Smith

0 nays

1 absent — Dutton

WITNESSES: For — Lucy Adame-Clark, Bexar County Clerk; (*Registered, but did not
testify*: Allison Greer Francis, CHCS)

Against — None

BACKGROUND: Government Code sec. 25.0172(p) governs the Bexar County Court at
Law.

Some have called for streamlining the administrative process for
appointing deputy clerks to the Bexar County Courts at Law No. 2 and 3.

DIGEST: CSHB 3900 would remove certain provisions related to the appointment
of a deputy clerk appointed to statutory county courts of Bexar County.

The bill would remove a provision stating that the appointment of a
deputy clerk of County Court at Law No. 2 or 3 would take effect when it
was confirmed in writing by the judge of the court to which the deputy
clerk was assigned. It also would remove language establishing that the
deputy clerk of County Court at Law No. 2 or 3 served at the pleasure of
the judge of the court to which the clerk was assigned.

The bill would remove provisions stating a deputy clerk of a county court
at law was entitled to the same amount of compensation as received by the
deputy clerks of the other county court of law in Bexar County and that
the commissioners court is required to pay the salary of a deputy clerk in

equal monthly installments from county funds.

The bill would take immediate effect if finally passed by a two-thirds record vote of the membership of each house. Otherwise, it would take effect September 1, 2021.