

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST**

Currently, the commissioners court regulates the security policies of county courthouses. In some instances certain elected officials have authorized themselves and their staff to circumvent county courthouse security procedures. This bill requires any employee of the county or any county officer to participate in any county courthouse security program.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, H.B. 2285 sets forth provisions regarding the ability of the commissioners court of a county to determine county courthouse security policies.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 291.003, Local Government Code, as follows:

Sec. 291.003. CONTROL OF COURTHOUSE AND COURTHOUSE SECURITY POLICY. Authorizes the commissioners court of a county to regulate participation in any county courthouse security program and to require any employee of the county or any county officer to participate in any county courthouse security program, including a program in which a metal detector or X-ray security system is used.

SECTION 2. Emergency clause.  
Effective date: upon passage.