

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 500
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DIGEST

Currently, district attorneys may maintain an independent law practice to supplement their pay unless they are listed in the Professional Prosecutors Act, which provides additional state funding to supplement existing salaries in exchange for prohibiting the prosecutor from the private practice of law. Only about 20 elected prosecutors in Texas are not subject to the Professional Prosecutors Act. This bill adds the district attorney for the 50th Judicial District to the list of district attorneys included in the Professional Prosecutors Act.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 500 includes the district attorney for the 50th Judicial District in the Professional Prosecutors Act.

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 46.002, Government Code, provide that this chapter applies only to certain prosecutors, including the district attorney the 50th Judicial District, among other judicial districts.

SECTION 2. Emergency clause.
Effective date: 90 days after adjournment.