

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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H.B. 907  
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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 would include the Collin County criminal district attorney in the Professional Prosecutors Act.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, H.B. 907 includes the Collin County criminal district attorney 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, to provide that Chapter 46, Professional Prosecutors Act, applies only to the criminal district attorneys for the county of Collin, among other criminal district attorneys.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 44.143, Government Code, to delete existing Subsections (c)-(e). Makes a conforming change.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 1997.

SECTION 4. Emergency clause.