

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, sheriff's department officers in counties with populations of 30,000 or more have the opportunity of approaching the commissioners court when requesting a pay raise. The commissioners court in turn can either agree to the request for a raise, make a counter offer, or reject the request. Upon rejection, the people can petition the court for a pay referendum. This bill amends the population requirement for a petition in order to grant equal coverage for smaller counties under this Act.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 1455 authorizes certain counties to petition a commissioners court to increase the salary of member of the county sheriff's department.

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 152.072(a), Local Government Code, to authorize the qualified voters of a county with a population of more than 25,000, rather than 30,000, to petition the commissioners court of the county to increase the minimum salary of each member of the sheriff's department.

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