# BILL ANALYSIS

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C.S.S.B. 1455
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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, C.S.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), and (d)-(f), 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.  Provides that if the commissioners court chooses to call an election, the only issue that may be submitted regarding the salaries of members of the sheriff's department is whether the proposed minimum salary should be adopted.  Requires the election to be held on the first authorized uniform election date under Chapter 41, Election Code, on which an election is scheduled to be held throughout the country for other purposes.  Sets forth the required language of the ballot.  Requires the proposed salary for each rank, pay grade, or classification as stated in the petition and the total annual cost of the increases to be inserted in the blank spaces.  Requires the minimum salary to take effect beginning on a certain date under certain conditions.

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

## SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES

SECTION 1.

> Amends Sections 152.072(a) and (d)-(f), Local Government Code, to set forth certain provisions relating to an election regarding the salaries of members of the sheriff's department. Sets forth the required language of the ballot. Requires the proposed salary for certain stated classifications included in the petition and the total annual cost of the increase to be inserted in the blank spaces. Requires the minimum salary to take effect on a certain date under certain conditions.