

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, many courthouses throughout the state maintain security checkpoints to prevent weapons and other items from entering the courthouse. Many counties provide employee identification cards which allow employees to bypass security checkpoints. However, many other people entering the courthouse are frequent visitors and are also not security risks. This bill would authorize a county commissioners court to issue identification cards which permit certain individuals to enter into certain county buildings without passing through security checkpoints, and authorizes a fee for those identification cards.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 1168 authorizes a county commissioners court to issue identification cards which permit certain individuals to enter into certain county buildings without passing through security checkpoints, and authorizes a fee for those identification cards.

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 Chapter 291, Local Government Code, by adding Section 291.010, as follows:

Sec. 291.010. SECURITY SERVICES IDENTIFICATION CARDS. Authorizes a county commissioners court to sanction the issuance of an identification card which permits individuals to enter into a county building that houses a justice court, county court, county court at law, or district court without passing through the security services provided under Article 102.017, Code of Criminal Procedure and to set a fee for the issuance of the identification card to individuals other than county employees. Requires the commissioners court to adopt standards for issuing an identification card described by this section to ensure public safety and security.

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