

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, peace officers commissioned by hospital districts have limited jurisdiction. H.B. 1968 sets forth expanded jurisdictions for such officers and authorizes them to assist local law enforcement outside of their jurisdiction, under certain circumstances.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 1968 sets forth expanded jurisdiction for such officers and authorizes them to assist local law enforcement outside of their jurisdiction, under certain circumstances.

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 281.057, Health and Safety Code, to set forth the primary jurisdiction of a peace officer commissioned under this section. Sets forth authorizations of a peace officer within the peace officer's primary jurisdiction. Authorizes a peace officer, outside of a primary jurisdiction, to arrest any person who violates a Texas law, under certain conditions. Requires a person commissioned under this section to be a certified police officer under the requirements of the Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education. Deletes text regarding conditions which allow a district peace officer to make an arrest.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.