BILL ANALYSIS

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C.S.H.B. 3458 By: Kuempel (Madla) Intergovernmental Relations 5/13/1999 Committee Report (Substituted)

DIGEST

Current law states that county tax assessor-collectors must post bond within 20 days of being notified of their election appointment. Some may not know this requirement exists. C.S.H.B. 3458 would require county tax assessor-collectors to post bond before taking office and performing the duties of the office, removing the arbitrary 20-day deadlines.

PURPOSE

As proposed, C.S.H.B. 3458 requires county tax assessor-collectors to post bond before taking office and performing the duties of the office, removing the arbitrary 20-day deadlines.

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 6.28(a), Tax Code, to require that a person elected or appointed as county assessor-collector, before the person begins to perform the duties of the office, rather than within 20 days after receiving notice of the person's election or appointment, give bonds to the state and to the county, conditioned on the faithful performance of the person's duties as assessor collector.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 83.002(a), Local Government Code, to require the county treasurer, before beginning to perform the duties of office, to execute a bond that must be approved by the commissioners court and made payable to the county judge in a certain amount. Deletes text requiring the county treasurer to execute the bond upon entering office and within a certain period.

SECTION 3. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 4. Emergency clause.

Effective date: upon passage.