

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, only counties with a minimum population of 1.8 million are authorized to contract with private entities to collect child support payments. However, the alternative of contracting with private entities could prove useful for smaller counties, which are now required to establish local registries or domestic relations offices to perform this task. H.B. 624 deletes the population specification limiting which counties are authorized to contract with private entities to collect child support payments, effectively allowing all counties to have this alternative.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 624 allows certain counties to contract with private entities to collect child support payments.

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 153, Human Resources Code, by transferring it to Title 5, Family Code, and redesignating it as Chapter 204, as follows:

CHAPTER 204. CHILD SUPPORT COLLECTION BY PRIVATE ENTITY

Sec. 204.001. **APPLICABILITY.** Deletes text regarding the application of this chapter to a county with a minimum population of 1,800,000. Makes conforming changes.

Sec. 204.002. **AUTHORITY TO CONTRACT.** Deletes text regarding the Family Code and maintenance of child support records. Makes conforming changes.

Sec. 204.003. **TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT.** Makes nonsubstantive and conforming changes.

Sec. 204.004. **FUNDING.** Deletes text regarding the Family Code, and makes conforming changes.

Sec. 204.005. **CUMULATIVE EFFECT OF CHAPTER.** Makes conforming changes.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1999.
Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.