

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, Texas law prohibits county election administrators from taking part in certain political activities. The election administrators may not be candidates for nor hold public office. S.B. 203 extends the prohibitions against election administrators to all full-time employees of election departments.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 203 subjects full-time employees to the restrictions on political activities of a county elections administrator's office.

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 31.039, Election Code, by adding Subsection (f), to provide that a person employed on a full-time basis by the administrator's office is subject to Section 31.035 in the same manner as the administrator. Provides that this subsection applies only to counties with a population of one million or more that have an election administrator.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES

SECTION 1.

Amends Section 31.039(f), Election Code, to provide that this section applies only to counties with a population of one million or more that have an election administrator.