

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, the Office of the State Prosecuting Attorney is statutorily authorized by the Texas Government Code. The state prosecuting attorney, appointed by the court of criminal appeals, is required to represent the state in all proceedings before the court. As proposed, S.B. 1131 increases the annual salary of the state prosecuting attorney to that of a district judge as provided by the General Appropriations Act and places limitations on the private practice of law by the individual holding the position of state prosecuting attorney.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 42.001, Government Code, by adding Subsections (c) and (d), to provide that the state prosecuting attorney is entitled to receive compensation from the state equal to the compensation that is provided for a district judge in the General Appropriations Act. Prohibits the state prosecuting attorney from engaging in the private practice of law. Authorizes the state prosecuting attorney to complete all civil cases that are not in conflict with the interest of the state or any of its counties that are pending in court before the state prosecuting attorney takes office.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2001.