

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, scheduling conflicts sometimes arise that prevent county judges from holding hearings on applications for mass meetings. As proposed, S.B. 286 authorizes a county judge to delegate to another county officer the duty of conducting hearings on applications for mass gatherings.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

Amends Chapter 751, Health and Safety Code, by adding Section 751.0055, as follows:

Sec. 751.0055. DELEGATION OF DUTIES OF COUNTY JUDGE. Authorizes a county judge of a county to file an order with the commissioners court of the county delegating to another county officer the duty to hear applications for a permit under this chapter. Authorizes the order to provide for allowing the county officer to revoke a permit under Section 751.008. Provides that an order of a county officer acting under the delegated authority of the county judge in regard to a permit has the same effect as an order of the county judge. Authorizes the county judge, during the period in which the order is in effect, to withdraw the authority delegated in relation to an application and authorizes the county judge to hear the application. Authorizes the county judge to revoke an order delegating duties under this section at any time.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 751.009, Health and Safety Code, to make conforming and nonsubstantive changes.

SECTION 3. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2001.