

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, state law does not allow the attorney general to administer oaths. This authority is granted to certain judges, notary publics, the governor, the secretary of state, the lieutenant governor, and others. The attorney general's office is inundated with requests to administer oaths but must decline due to the lack of statutory authority. As proposed, S.B. 629 authorizes the attorney general to administer oaths in Texas.

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 602.002, Government Code, to authorize an oath made in this state to be administered and a certificate of the fact given by the attorney general.

SECTION 2. Severability clause.

SECTION 3. Effective date: August 27, 2001.