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AUTHOR'S/SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Under current law, the salary of the elections administrator and the elections administrator's staff may not exceed that of the county clerk or the county clerk's staff, respectively. The elections administrator is responsible for both the conduct of the elections as well as all voter registration activities in approximately 28 of Texas' 254 counties. Almost all of the remaining counties separate such duties between the county clerk and the tax assessor-collector. In addition, the elections administrator is also a department head and may have significant budgetary and operational authority and responsibilities. As such, some believe that the salary of the elections administrator should not be limited by the salary of the county clerk. H.B. 2199 repeals the provisions restricting the salary of an elections administrator.

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. Repealer: Section 31.039(b) (pertaining to the salary of an elections administrator), Election Code.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2005.