

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Currently, a county with a population of less than 500,000 people is prohibited from paying its county auditors more than the salary of the highest paid county elected official. In a county with over 500,000 people, the commissioners court is able to set the auditor's salary. It is difficult for smaller counties to attract and retain qualified accountants with incentives such as high salaries.

H.B. 1230 relates to limitations on the compensation of county auditors for certain counties.

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. Reenacts Section 152.032(d), Local Government Code, as amended by Chapters 401 (S.B. 833), 430 (S.B. 1630), and 1260 (H.B. 2917), Acts of the 80th Legislature, Regular Session, 2007, and amends it as follows:

(d) Authorizes the amount of the compensation and allowances of a county auditor in a county subject to this subsection to be set in an amount that exceeds the limit established by Subsection (a) (relating to the amount of the compensation and allowances of a county auditor) if the compensation and allowances are approved by the commissioners court of the county. Provides that this subsection applies only to a county with a population of more than 77,000 and less than 80,000; a county with a population of 120,000, rather than 500,000 or more, excluding a county subject to Subsection (b) (relating to the amount of the compensation and allowances of a county auditor in a county subject to this subsection); a county with a population of more than 1,000 and less than 21,000 that borders the Gulf of Mexico; and a county that borders a county subject to Subsection (b) and that has a population of more than, rather than greater than, 50,000 and less than 85,000. Makes nonsubstantive changes.

SECTION 2. Provides that to the extent of any conflict, this Act prevails over another Act of the 81st Legislature, Regular Session, 2009, relating to nonsubstantive additions to and corrections in enacted codes.

SECTION 3. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2009.