

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 480
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

H.B. 480 amends current law relating to retaining a reserve investigator by a 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 41.102(a), Government Code, as follows:

(a) Authorizes a prosecuting attorney to employ the assistant prosecuting attorneys, investigators, secretaries, and other office personnel that in the prosecuting attorney's judgment are required for the proper and efficient operation and administration of the office. Authorizes the commissioners court to authorize a prosecuting attorney to appoint reserve investigators. Authorizes the commissioners court to limit the number of reserve investigators that a prosecuting attorney may appoint. Authorizes a reserve investigator to accept other employment or compensation that does not impair the reserve investigator's independence in the performance of the reserve investigator's duties for the prosecuting attorney.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2015.