

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

Current law prohibits a county elections administrator from holding a nonpartisan public office and engaging in certain political activities while simultaneously acting as a county elections administration. In rural, sparsely populated counties, this limits eligibility. H.B. 3055 seeks to allow a county elections administrator to so hold and engage in a county with a population of 1,000 or less if the individual is the elections administrator of another county where there is no jurisdiction of the office.

H.B. 3055 amends current law relating to the restrictions on political activities for a county 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. Amends Section 31.035, Election Code, by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (d), as follows:

(a) Creates an exception under Subsection (d).

(d) Authorizes the county elections administrator, for a county with a population of less than 1,000, to hold or be a candidate for a public office if no part of the jurisdiction of the office is located in the county where the person serves as the elections administrator and any election for that office is a nonpartisan election.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2017.