

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

County commissioners are required to complete at least 16 classroom hours of continuing education annually, however, COVID-19 hindered commissioners' ability to travel and meet in person to fulfill these requirements. Therefore, continuing education was permitted online.

S.B. 230 permanently strikes the in-person classroom requirement, granting county commissioners the ability to complete their training either online or in-person. In doing so, commissioners across the state may attain their requirements in a more efficient manner.

As proposed, S.B. 230 amends current law relating to the continuing education requirement for county commissioners.

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 Sections 81.0025(a) and (b), Local Government Code, as follows:

(a) Deletes existing text specifying that the 16 hours of continuing education in the performance of the duties of county commissioners that a county commissioner is required to complete at least once in each 12-month period must be classroom hours.

(b) Authorizes online completion of the continuing education instruction required by Section 81.0025 (Continuing Education).

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2021.