

# Allowing Dallas County to create supplemental civil service commissions

HB 3910 by Sherman (West)

## Digest

HB 3910 would have allowed the commissioners court of Dallas County to establish one or more supplemental commissions to assist the civil service commission in administering the civil service system.

## Notes

The HRO analysis of [HB 3910](#) appeared in the May 2 *Daily Floor Report*.

## Governor's reason for veto

“The Legislature has not shown the need for House Bill 3910, which would have created additional bureaucracy and increased the number of unelected officials with final decision-making power over county civil service matters. If workload is the problem, the answer is streamlined operations, not state laws creating unaccountable creatures like ‘supplemental’ commissions. There is no apparent justification for singling out one county and giving it this ill-advised carve-out.”

## Response

**Rep. Carl Sherman**, the bill's author, said: “It was disappointing to see the governor veto HB 3910 after we worked with stakeholders on the language of the bill. This bill would have permitted the Dallas County Commissioners Court to service its more than 6,000 employees more efficiently by granting it the authority to create supplemental civil service commissions to address specific employee issues. HB 3910 was a good policy that I believe should be revisited by the Legislature in the future.”

**Sen. Royce West**, the Senate sponsor, said: “This veto came as a surprise. My office has worked with stakeholders over two legislative sessions to provide relief to the Dallas County Civil Service Commission. Bills are routinely bracketed to individual counties, especially when they involve new ideas, as this bill did.”

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