

BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 1338
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Committee Report (Substituted)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Currently, only the commissioners courts of counties with a certain minimum population may adopt and enforce uniform rules on the hours of work of certain county employees. Galveston County does not meet this population threshold, and therefore, its commissioners court cannot adopt and enforce such uniform rules, but the bill author has informed the committee that there is a need in the county for such rules. C.S.H.B. 1338 seeks to address this need by decreasing the minimum population threshold of a county whose commissioners court may adopt and enforce such uniform rules.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 1338 amends the Local Government Code to lower from 355,000 to 265,000 the minimum population threshold of a county whose commissioners court may adopt and enforce uniform rules on the hours of work of department heads, assistants, deputies, and other employees whose compensation is set or approved by the court.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2025.

COMPARISON OF INTRODUCED AND SUBSTITUTE

While C.S.H.B. 1338 may differ from the introduced in minor or nonsubstantive ways, the following summarizes the substantial differences between the introduced and committee substitute versions of the bill.

While both the introduced and substitute lower the minimum population threshold of a county whose commissioners court may adopt and enforce certain uniform rules, the introduced lowered the threshold to 350,000, whereas the substitute lowers the threshold to 265,000.