

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

H.B. 608  
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County Affairs  
Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

In each county there is a salary grievance committee composed of the county judge and the sheriff, county tax assessor-collector, county treasurer, county clerk, district clerk, county attorney or criminal district attorney, and the number of public members necessary to provide nine voting members; nine public members, if the commissioners court votes in January each year to have nine public members. The county judge is chairman of the committee, but is not entitled to vote. Public members must be residents of the county. A problem arises when public members are unable to serve on the salary grievance committee and an available alternate cannot be found from the list of nine alternates in the time necessary to adopt the county budget. The purpose of House Bill 608 is to improve the ability to appoint an alternate to the salary grievance committee by allowing the county judge to select from a larger pool of alternates.

### **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**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 152.015 (b) and (d), Local Government Code, to allow a county judge to select a number of alternates equal the number of public members needed for the salary grievance committee and to repeat the process as the judge deems appropriate. This section also clarifies the procedure for replacing a member of the salary grievance committee with an alternate.

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.

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September 1, 2003.