

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 2678
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County Affairs
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

The Local Government Code establishes four conditions when a county employee may authorize payroll deductions: payments to a credit union; payments for membership in a labor union or employees' association; payments for parking fees; or payments to a charitable organization. Deductions for items such as a bus or mass transit pass or a fee for personal calls on a county cell phone are not available because they are not listed in the statute.

House Bill 2678 amends the Local Government Code to allow a commissioners court to authorize a deduction requested by a county employee if the commissioners court determines that the payment serves a public purpose.

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 155, Local Government Code, by creating a new Section, 155.001(a)(5) that gives a commissioners court the authority to authorize a payroll deduction from a county employee's wages or salary if the commissioners court determines the payment serves a public purpose.

SECTION 2. Effective date.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This Act takes effect immediately if it secures a two-thirds vote of all members elected to each house. If the two-thirds vote is not received, then the effective date is September 1, 2003.