

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, Sections 152.014 - 152.016 of the Local Government Code require a county commissioners court to appoint a nine-member salary grievance committee in January of each year. Members of the committee are appointed to serve for the calendar year and to hear salary appeals by elected county officials. However, the county budget process is not calendar-year based and, in addition, grievances are rarely filed. S.B. 189 requires the appointment of a salary grievance committee upon receipt of a salary grievance and sets forth the terms and conditions under which the committee meets.

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 Section 152.014(a), Local Government Code, to delete January as the specified month when the commissioners court is to vote regarding its salary grievance committee.

SECTION 2. Amends Sections 152.015(a) and (c), Local Government Code, as follows:

(a) Requires the public members of the salary grievance committee to be selected at a meeting of the court at any time during the year, but not later than the 15th day after the date a request for a hearing is received under Section 152.016(a). Provides that if such a request is not received, the court is not required to select public members.

(c) Provides that a public member serves until the end of the fiscal year in which the public member is appointed or when the committee takes a final vote on the last of the grievances for which the committee held a public hearing, whichever is later.

SECTION 3. Amends Section 152.016, Local Government Code, by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (b-1) as follows:

(b) Requires the committee to hold a public hearing not later than the later of the 10th day after the date the request is received or the date the commissioners court selects the public members of the committee.

(b-1) Creates this subsection from existing text.

SECTION 4. Effective date: January 1, 2004.

Makes application of this Act prospective.