

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

S.B. 411  
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County Affairs  
Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Currently, provisions in the Local Government Code include a minimum population requirement, which Zapata County does not meet, for an increase in salaries for sheriff's department employees. S.B. 411 authorizes a county government in a county that has a population of more than 7,500, is located on an international boundary, and contains no incorporated territory of a municipality to classify all positions in its sheriff's department and requires it to specify the duties and prescribe the salary for each classification; authorizes a petition to the commissioners court of the county to increase the minimum salary of each member of the sheriff's department; provides longevity pay for each commissioned deputy of the sheriff's department of not less than \$5 a month for each year of service in the sheriff's department, up to and including 25 years; and provides that each commissioned deputy is entitled to the longevity pay in addition to the deputy's regular compensation.

### **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 152.071(a), Local Government Code, to authorize a county government in a county that has a population of more than 7,500, is located on an international boundary, and contains no incorporated territory of a municipality to classify all positions in its sheriff's department and requires it to specify the duties and prescribe the salary for each classification.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 152.072(a), Local Government Code, to authorize a county government in a county that has a population of more than 7,500, is located on an international boundary, and contains no incorporated territory of a municipality to petition the commissioners court of the county to increase the minimum salary of each member of the sheriff's department.

SECTION 3. Amends Section 152.074(a), Local Government Code, to authorize a county government in a county that has a population of more than 7,500, is located on an international boundary, and contains no incorporated territory of a municipality to provide longevity pay for each commissioned deputy of the sheriff's department of not less than \$5 a month for each year of service in the sheriff's department, up to and including 25 years. Provides that each commissioned deputy is entitled to the longevity pay in addition to the deputy's regular compensation.

SECTION 4. Effective date: September 1, 2003.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2003.