

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

S.B. 734  
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Urban Affairs  
Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Currently, Chapter 25 of the Local Government Code provides a mechanism for voters in a municipality with a population of less than 5,000 to adopt a city manager form of government by petition and election. However, only 273 of approximately 881 general law cities under 5,000 in population have actually adopted Chapter 25 of the Local Government Code, instead employing city administrators or city managers by choice. As proposed, S.B. 734 clarifies the authority of the governing body of a general law city to appoint, as authorized by the Texas Local Government Code Chapter 22 or Chapter 23, officers or employees to assist with the management of city business without the necessity of an election.

### **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.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 25.051, Local Government Code, as follows:

- (a) Created from existing text.
- (b) Provides that this chapter does not limit the authority of the governing body of a general law municipality to appoint and prescribe the powers and duties of a municipal officer or employee under Chapter 22 or 23.

SECTION 2. Effective date

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** September 1, 2003