

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

S.B. 1303  
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County Affairs  
Committee Report (Amended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Currently, county auditors serve a two-year term. A new auditor barely learns the operations of county government and the related laws, when it is time to reapply for the position. Similarly, the current public notice requirement for district judges setting auditor compensation is 15 days prior to the compensation hearing. S.B. 1303 increases the term of a county auditor to four years and requires a notice of the compensation hearing to be published within a specific time frame.

### **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 152.905(c), Local Government Code, to require a notice of the hearing regarding compensation of a county auditor, assistant auditors and court reporters to be published not earlier than the 30th or later than the 10th date before the date of hearing.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 152.032, Local Government Code by adding Subsection (d) and making a conforming change. Subsection (d) allows the amount of the compensation and allowances of a county auditor to be set in an amount that exceeds the limit established in subsection (a) if the compensation and allowances are approved by the commissioners court of the county.

SECTION 3. Makes application of this Act prospective

SECTION 4. Effective date: July 1, 2003 or September 1, 2003.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Act takes effect July 1, 2003, if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the 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.

### **EXPLANATION OF AMENDMENTS**

Committee Amendment No. 1 limits th application of Subsection (d) to counties of 500,000 or more.