

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

The district attorney position in Trinity County is currently vacant. S.B. 1932 allows an attorney employed by the Prison Prosecution Unit to fill the vacant position of district attorney only until the position is filled by the governor or by the voters of the district in an election.

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 43.171, Government Code, by adding Subsection (c), to require an attorney who is employed by the prison prosecution unit to perform the duties of the district attorney if there is a vacancy in the office of district attorney serving the county. Requires the attorney who is employed by the prison prosecution unit to perform the duties of district attorney only until the vacancy in the county's office of district attorney is filled by the governor or a district attorney is elected by the voters of the district. Specifies that the duties under this subsection are in addition to the duties of the prosecution unit and the attorney employed by the prison prosecution unit. Establishes that the prison prosecution unit and the attorney employed by the prison prosecution unit are not entitled to additional compensation or reimbursement. Provides that this section expires February 1, 2005.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2003.