

AN ACT

relating to certain employment matters affecting a county auditor, assistant auditor, court reporter, or sheriff department personnel.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subsection (c), Section 152.905, Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) Not earlier than the 30th or later than the 10th [~~On or before the 15th~~] day before the date of the hearing, notice of the time, place, and subject of the hearing must be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county.

SECTION 2. Section 152.032, Local Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(a) Except as provided by Subsections [~~Subsection~~] (b) and (d), the amount of the compensation and allowances of a county auditor may not exceed the amount of the compensation and allowances received from all sources by the highest paid elected county officer, other than a judge of a statutory county court, whose salary and allowances are set by the commissioners court.

(d) Except as provided by Subsection (b), in a county with a population of 500,000 or more the amount of the compensation and allowances of a county auditor may be set in an amount that exceeds the limit established in Subsection (a) if the compensation and

1 allowances are approved by the commissioners court of the county.

2 SECTION 3. Section 152.071, Local Government Code, is
3 amended by adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

4 (a-1) A county government in a county that has a population
5 of more than 7,500, is located on an international boundary, and
6 contains no incorporated territory of a municipality may classify
7 all positions in its sheriff's department and may specify the
8 duties and prescribe the salary for each classification.

9 SECTION 4. Section 152.072, Local Government Code, is
10 amended by adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

11 (a-1) The qualified voters of a county that has a population
12 of more than 7,500, is located on an international boundary, and
13 contains no incorporated territory of a municipality may petition
14 the commissioners court of the county to increase the minimum
15 salary of each member of the sheriff's department.

16 SECTION 5. Section 152.074, Local Government Code, is
17 amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to
18 read as follows:

19 (a) In a county with a population of 150,000 or more, the
20 commissioners court of a county shall provide longevity pay for
21 each commissioned deputy of the sheriff's department of not less
22 than \$5 a month for each year of service in the department, up to and
23 including 25 years. Each commissioned deputy is entitled to the
24 longevity pay in addition to the deputy's regular compensation.

25 (a-1) A county government in a county that has a population
26 of more than 7,500, is located on an international boundary, and
27 contains no incorporated territory of a municipality may provide

1 longevity pay for each commissioned deputy of the sheriff's
2 department of not less than \$5 a month for each year of service in
3 the department, up to and including 25 years. If longevity pay is
4 provided for, each commissioned deputy is entitled to the longevity
5 pay in addition to the deputy's regular compensation.

6 SECTION 6. The change in law made by this Act to Subsection
7 (c), Section 152.905, Local Government Code, applies only to a
8 hearing that is held on or after the effective date of this Act.

9 SECTION 7. This Act takes effect July 1, 2003, if it
10 receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each
11 house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution.
12 If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for effect on that
13 date, this Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1303 passed the Senate on May 8, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; May 31, 2003, Senate refused to concur in House amendments and requested appointment of Conference Committee; May 31, 2003, House granted request of the Senate; June 1, 2003, Senate adopted Conference Committee Report by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1303 passed the House, with amendments, on May 28, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 138, Nays 1, two present not voting; May 31, 2003, House granted request of the Senate for appointment of Conference Committee; June 1, 2003, House adopted Conference Committee Report by the following vote: Yeas 147, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor