

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

The office of inspector of hides and animals (office) was established in 1871 and filled by appointment by the governor for a four-year term. The office was supposed to aid in the prevention of cattle theft by inspecting hides and animals shipped out of a county for sale. After adoption of the Constitution of 1876, the office became elective, and the term was shortened by two years. Few, if any, counties continued the office through the 1990s.

H.B. 1631 abolishes the office of inspector of hides and animals.

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. (a) Provides that the office of inspector of hides and animals is abolished.

(b) Provides that any records in the custody of an inspector of hides and animals are transferred to the county clerk of the county previously served by the inspector.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 52.092(e), Election Code, to delete existing text including inspector of hides and animals in a certain list of required county offices.

SECTION 3. Amends Section 172.024(a), Election Code, to delete existing text providing that the filing fee for a candidate for nomination in the general primary election for an inspector of hides and animals is \$75.

SECTION 4. Amends Section 87.012, Local Government Code, to delete existing text authorizing the district judge to, under this subchapter, remove from office an inspector of hides and animals.

SECTION 5. Amends Section 87.041(a), Local Government Code, to delete existing text authorizing the commissioners court of a county to fill a vacancy in the office of an inspector of hides and animals.

SECTION 6. Repealer: Sections 148.044 (Inspections), 148.067 (Failure to Have Hide and Ears Inspected), and 148.068 (Inspector's or Magistrate's Failure to Keep or File Records), Agriculture Code.

SECTION 7. Effective date: September 1, 2007.