

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

H.B. 1631  
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Agriculture & Livestock  
Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

The office of Inspectors of Hides and Animals was created in 1871 and its purpose was to aid in the prevention of cattle theft by providing a thorough inspection of all the hides and animals that were shipped out of the county. The 78th legislature passed SB 1389, which lawfully abolished this office; however, mention of it is still in the Election Code, the Local Government Code and the Agriculture Code.

This bill will simply abolish the office of Inspector of Hides and Animals from statute.

### **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**

HB 1631 abolishes the office of Inspector of Hides and Animals and removes any language pertaining to the duties of the office from the Election Code, the Local Government Code and the Agriculture Code. It also asks that if any records are in that office that they be transferred over to the County Clerk.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

Upon passage, or, if the Act does not receive the necessary vote, the Act takes effect September 1, 2007.