BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 2917 By: Macias County Affairs Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Currently, County Auditors are appointed in the state of Texas by State District Judges and a County Auditor's compensation and allowances are set by the State District Judges. The amount of compensation and allowances of a County Auditor generally 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. In a county with population of 500,000 or more, the amount of compensation and allowances of a County Auditor may be set in an amount that exceeds this limit if the compensation and allowances are approved by the Commissioners Court of the county.

H.B. 2917 allows Comal County to set the amount of compensation and allowances for the county auditor above the established limit upon approval by the County Commissioners Court.

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

H.B. 2917 would amend Section 152.032(d) of the Local Government Code to include counties with population between 77,000 and 80,000.

EFFECTIVE DATE

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