BILL ANALYSIS

S.B. 235 By: Harris County Affairs Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Current Texas law requires county court or county court at law judges and district judges to serve on county bail bond boards. Of the 13 board members, six may have a designee represent them, while five other members have alternates or are specifically selected for this board.

S.B. 235 allows county court or county court at law judges and district judges to have a designee serve in their place on a county bail bond board.

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

S.B. 235 allows a district judge to designate a representative who is approved by the presiding judge to serve on the county bail bond board and to allow a county court or county court at law judge to designate a representative who is approved by the commissioners court to serve on the county bail bond board.

EFFECTIVE DATE

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