

1-1 By: Raymond (Senate Sponsor - Zaffirini) H.B. No. 831  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 14, 2007;  
1-3 May 15, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on  
1-4 Intergovernmental Relations; May 18, 2007, reported favorably by  
1-5 the following vote: Yeas 3, Nays 0; May 18, 2007, sent to  
1-6 printer.)

1-7 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-8 AN ACT

1-9 relating to the eligibility of certain counties to adopt a civil  
1-10 service system.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Section 158.001(3), Local Government Code, is  
1-13 amended to read as follows:

1-14 (3) "Department" means a county, district, or precinct  
1-15 office or officer, agency, or board that has jurisdiction and  
1-16 control of the performance of employees' official duties. The term  
1-17 includes a sheriff's department.

1-18 SECTION 2. Section 158.002, Local Government Code, is  
1-19 amended to read as follows:

1-20 Sec. 158.002. ELIGIBLE COUNTIES. A county with a  
1-21 population of 190,000 [~~200,000~~] or more may, in accordance with  
1-22 this subchapter, create a county civil service system to include  
1-23 all the employees of the county who are not exempted from the system  
1-24 by the express terms or judicial interpretations of this subchapter  
1-25 or by the operation of Subchapter B.

1-26 SECTION 3. Section 158.0025(a), Local Government Code, is  
1-27 amended to read as follows:

1-28 (a) This section applies only to a county with a population  
1-29 of 190,000 [~~200,000~~] or more, other than:

1-30 (1) a county that has created a civil service system  
1-31 under this subchapter to include those employees of the county  
1-32 described by Section 158.002; or

1-33 (2) a county in which the sheriff's department is  
1-34 eligible to create a civil service system under Subchapter B.

1-35 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-36 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-37 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-38 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-39 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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