

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

C.S.H.B. 1223  
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Committee Report (Substituted)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Current law provides that a county treasurer or another officer may serve in the capacity of a payroll officer. Authorizing a commissioners court to assign another county employee to perform payroll duties allows for more local government control. This flexibility will allow for increased fiscal responsibility and more efficiency in local government.

C.S.H.B. 1223 includes a county employee or office assigned by the county commissioners court to prepare payroll among the persons authorized to make payroll deductions or take other similar actions relating to the compensation of county employees.

### **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**

C.S.H.B. 1223 amends the Local Government Code to include a county employee or office assigned by the county commissioners court to prepare payroll among the persons authorized to make payroll deductions or take other similar actions relating to the compensation of county employees.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

On passage, or, if the act does not receive the necessary vote, the act takes effect September 1, 2009.

### **COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL AND SUBSTITUTE**

C.S.H.B. 1223 differs from the original by replacing a county employee appointed by the commissioners court as a payroll officer in the original with, in the substitute, a county employee or office assigned by the commissioners court to prepare payroll.