BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 1886 By: Miklos Urban Affairs Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Currently, only police officers have the authority to enforce city ordinances and often there are not enough personnel to do so. Giving sheriffs and constables the ability to enforce a curfew ordinance would lead to greater implementation of an ordinance designed to make communities safer.

H.B. 1886 allows a county sheriff or constable to enforce a juvenile curfew enacted by local municipalities within that county.

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.

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H.B. 1886 amends the Local Government Code to authorize the governing body of a general-law or home-rule municipality that adopts a juvenile curfew ordinance to authorize the sheriff of each county in which the municipality is located, or the constable of each county precinct in which the municipality is located, to enforce the ordinance.

EFFECTIVE DATE

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

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