

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 3730
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County Affairs
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Current law requires county officers, including county commissioners, to record when fees, commissions, or costs are earned and when they are received and, in certain counties, allows the auditor to require reports regarding those funds. In large counties, it is not practical for county commissioners to personally receive and record the receipt of such funds.

H.B. 3730 allows a county commissioner to delegate responsibility for the receipt of fees, commissions, and costs, as well as the responsibility for signing the required reports.

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. 3730 amends the Local Government Code to authorize a district, county, or precinct officer in a county with a population of more than 190,000 to designate a person to receive money as fees, commissions, or costs on behalf of the officer. The bill authorizes each required county financial report to be sworn to before an officer authorized to administer oaths by a person designated by a district, county, or precinct officer in a county with the population of more than 190,000 to receive fees, commissions, or costs, as an alternative to having the reports made and sworn to by such district, county, or precinct officer.

EFFECTIVE DATE

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