

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

H.B. 1500  
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County Affairs  
Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Current law authorizes the commissioners court of a county with a population of 400,000 or more to conduct a closed meeting to deliberate on business and financial issues relating to a contract being negotiated under certain conditions. H.B. 1500 seeks to allow a commissioners court in any county, regardless of population, to conduct such a closed meeting as long as the required conditions are met.

### **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. 1500 amends the Government Code, in a provision authorizing the county commissioners court to conduct a closed meeting to deliberate business and financial issues relating to a contract being negotiated, to remove language limiting the authorization to a commissioners court of a county with a population of 400,000 or more.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2011.