

BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 885
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County Affairs
Committee Report (Substituted)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Concerns have been raised about a current statutory requirement that certain county bail bond boards meet at least once a month, regardless of whether such a meeting is necessary. C.S.H.B. 885 seeks to make government more efficient by addressing this issue.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

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. 885 amends the Occupations Code to increase from less than 50,000 to less than 150,000 the population threshold of a county to which the requirement that a county bail bond board meet at least four times each year during specified months at the call of the presiding officer applies and to require a board in a county with such a population to meet at other times at the call of the presiding officer.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2015.

COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL AND SUBSTITUTE

While C.S.H.B. 885 may differ from the original in minor or nonsubstantive ways, the following comparison is organized and formatted in a manner that indicates the substantial differences between the introduced and committee substitute versions of the bill.

INTRODUCED

HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

SECTION 1. Section 1704.055(c), Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

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(c) A board in a county with a population of less than 110,000 [50,000] shall meet:
(1) at least four times each year during the months of January, April, July, and October

(c) A board in a county with a population of less than 150,000 [50,000] shall meet:
(1) at least four times each year during the months of January, April, July, and October

at the call of the presiding officer; and
(2) at other times at the call of the presiding officer.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect
September 1, 2015.

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(2) at other times at the call of the presiding officer.

SECTION 2. Same as introduced version.