BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 3300 By: Fallon Urban Affairs Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Interested parties have raised concerns regarding term limits for members of the governing body of certain municipalities and contend that certain municipalities should have the authority to impose, amend, or repeal municipal term limits. H.B. 3300 seeks to address this concern.

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

H.B. 3300 amends the Local Government Code to authorize the governing body of a general-law municipality, including the presiding officer of the municipality, to order an election to impose, amend, or repeal municipal term limits. The bill sets out the ballot language for such an election and procedures based on the election results. The bill specifies that a municipal term limit imposed or amended by an election does not apply to a term that a member of the governing body is serving or was elected or appointed to serve on or before the date the election was held.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2015.