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| BILL ANALYSIS |

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| H.B. 92 |
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| Economic & Small Business Development |
| Committee Report (Unamended) |

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| **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**  There are concerns that the state veteran's employment preference statute does not include the spouse of a disabled veteran. H.B. 92 seeks to help families of veterans by adding spouses of 100 percent disabled veterans to those qualified for the veteran's employment preference. |
| **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. 92 amends the Government Code to include among the individuals who qualify for a veteran's employment preference in employment with or appointment to a state agency the spouse of a veteran with a disability who has a total disability rating based either on having a service-connected disability with a disability rating of 100 percent or on individual unemployability. The bill requires an applicant who is the spouse of such a veteran to furnish the official records to the individual whose duty is to fill the position and requires a state agency to prioritize the spouse of such a veteran for employment or appointment after a veteran with a disability or another veteran and before a veteran's surviving spouse who has not remarried or an orphan of a veteran who was killed while on active duty. |
| **EFFECTIVE DATE**  September 1, 2017. |