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| BILL ANALYSIS |

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| S.B. 1298 |
| By: Huffman |
| Criminal Jurisprudence |
| Committee Report (Unamended) |

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| **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE** Interested parties report that judges in some smaller counties have expressed the need to have a larger pool of potential grand jurors. S.B. 1298 seeks to accomplish this goal by increasing the maximum number of prospective grand jurors that may be selected and summoned. |
| **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** S.B. 1298 amends the Code of Criminal Procedure to increase from 125 to 250 the maximum number of prospective grand jurors that a district judge may direct to be selected and summoned. |
| **EFFECTIVE DATE** September 1, 2017. |