

BILL ANALYSIS

S.B. 1780
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County Affairs
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Interested parties contend that a cap on the amount of the compensation and allowances of a county auditor in certain counties, such as Live Oak County, that is tied to the compensation and allowances of certain elected county officers becomes problematic when such a county officer leaves office. S.B. 1780 seeks to address this issue by adding an exception to the cap.

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. 1780 amends the Local Government Code to include a county with a population of more than 11,000 and less than 11,650 as a county in which the amount of the compensation and allowances of a county auditor, if approved by the commissioners court, may be set in an amount that exceeds the amount of the compensation and allowances received from all sources by the highest paid elected county officer whose salary and allowances are set by the commissioners court.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2017.