

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 504
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Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

It has been noted that the employment protections for a person who serves on a jury do not apply to a person who serves on a grand jury. H.B. 504 seeks to address this discrepancy by extending those protections to a person who serves as a grand juror.

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. 504 amends the Civil Practice and Remedies Code to extend the applicability of statutory provisions relating to a juror's right to reemployment to a person who serves as a grand juror.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2019.