

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

H.B. 3690  
By: Middleton  
County Affairs  
Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

It has been noted that Commissioners Courts in Texas do not have the statutory authority to adopt a binding code of ethics for their members.

H.B. 3690 seeks to allow commissioners courts to operate under additional binding and legal ethical standards of their choosing.

### **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. 3690 amends the Local Government Code to add a section allowing the commissioners court of a county to adopt a code of ethics that provides standards of conduct for members of the commissioners court. The bill requires that the code of ethics must include a requirement of each commissioners court member to file a conflicts disclosure statement.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

September 1, 2019.