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| BILL ANALYSIS |

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| H.B. 840 |
| By: Moody |
| County Affairs |
| Committee Report (Unamended) |

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| **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**  It has been noted that the process for the selection of the public members of a county salary grievance committee, which involves the random drawing of physical paper slips bearing applicable names, is antiquated and needlessly time-consuming. H.B. 840 seeks to address this issue by setting out an optional alternative process that uses a computer to generate a randomized list of applicable names. |
| **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. 840 amends the Local Government Code to set out a process for the selection of the public members of a county salary grievance committee that a county may use as an alternative to the random drawing of paper slips. The bill, in establishing this alternative process, authorizes a county commissioners court to direct the county clerk to use a computer to generate a randomized list of the names of all persons who served on a grand jury in the county during the preceding calendar year and requires the commissioners court to take the following actions at the meeting for the selection of the public members:   * adopt the randomized list; * enter the list into the minutes of the meeting; and * select, in the order of the list, the necessary number of public members and alternates. |
| **EFFECTIVE DATE**  September 1, 2021. |