

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

Currently there is no provision in statute to allow a county or district clerk to carry over completed education hours from one year to the next. Due to unforeseen circumstances, a clerk might not be able to obtain the required 20 hours of continuing education annually. Examples of this could include a national or state emergency declaration, lack of technology to allow for virtual attendance of a class/conference, and an extended illness. The court clerks seek to have access to similar statutes as the county commissioners, county treasurers, and tax assessors enjoy.

H.B. 1831 allows court clerks to carry over from the current calendar year to the following calendar year not more than 10 hours of completed continuing education hours that exceed the statutory 20 hours required annually.

H.B. 1831 amends current law relating to annual continuing education requirements for certain court clerks.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 51.605, Government Code, by adding Subsection (d), to authorize a clerk to carry over from the current calendar year to the following calendar year not more than 10 hours of completed continuing education courses that exceed the number of hours of completed continuing education courses required under Subsection (c) (relating to requiring the clerk, after the first anniversary of the date a clerk assumes the duties of office, to each calendar year complete 20 hours of continuing education courses).

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2021.