BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 2169 By: Sanford Homeland Security & Public Safety Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Currently, a person who has been finally determined to be delinquent on their taxes is unable to receive a handgun license. It has been suggested that this is an unnecessary burden on some individuals' ability to carry a handgun. H.B. 2169 seeks to remove tax delinquency as a criterion in determining handgun license eligibility.

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. 2169 amends the Government Code to remove as an eligibility requirement for a handgun license the applicant having not been finally determined to be delinquent in the payment of a tax or other money collected by the comptroller of public accounts, the tax collector of a political subdivision, or any state agency or subdivision.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2021.