

BILL ANALYSIS

S.B. 322
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County Affairs
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Under current law, commissioners on the Matagorda-Palacios Seawall Commission in Matagorda County have their compensation capped at \$50 for each day that the member attends an official meeting of the commission. Additionally, the total amount of compensation each member can earn each month is capped at \$300. S.B. 322 seeks to increase the cap on the amount of compensation each member may earn per day to \$150 and the cap on the amount of compensation each member may earn per month to \$600. Raising the cap helps to offset inflation, as this statute has not been updated since it first went into effect on April 1, 2005. S.B. 322 amends current law relating to the compensation of members of the seawall commission in Matagorda County.

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

S.B. 322 amends the Special District Local Laws Code to raise the following caps on compensation for a member of the seawall commission in Matagorda County:

- from \$50 to \$150 for each day that a member attends an official commission meeting; and
- from \$300 to \$600 for the total monthly amount of compensation.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2023.