

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 1729
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Transportation
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

The bill author has informed the committee that promoting regular turnover among the commissioners of Port Freeport could enhance governance by encouraging fresh perspectives. H.B. 1729 seeks to address this issue by establishing term limits for Port Freeport commissioners.

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. 1729 amends the Special District Local Laws Code to make a person having previously served two or more full terms as a Port Freeport commissioner ineligible for election as a commissioner. The completion of the remainder of an unexpired term by a person elected or appointed to fill a vacancy does not constitute service for a full term for this purpose. The bill's provisions do not apply to a term of office that begins before the bill's effective date.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2025.