

**SUBJECT:** Requiring an election to approve certain funding changes for prosecutors

**COMMITTEE:** State Affairs — favorable, without amendment

**VOTE:** 9 ayes — Hunter, Dean, Geren, Guillen, Metcalf, Raymond, Slawson, Smithee, Spiller

3 nays — Hernandez, Anchía, Turner

1 absent — S. Thompson

**SENATE VOTE:** On final passage (March 20) — 29 - 2

**WITNESSES:** For — (*Registered, but did not testify*: Christopher Dyer, Dallas County Sheriff's Association; James Parnell, Dallas Police Association; Mark Clark, Harris County District Attorney, Kim Ogg; Ray Hunt, Houston Police Officers' Union; Mitch Landry, Dallas Reed, Texas Municipal Police Association; Lucy Trainor)

Against — (*Registered, but did not testify*: Julie Wheeler, Travis County Commissioners Court)

On — Adam Haynes, Conference of Urban Counties; Russell Schaffner, Tarrant County Commissioners Court (*Registered, but did not testify*: Shawn Hall Lecuona, Almighty)

**BACKGROUND:** Some have suggested that measures established to protect funding for law enforcement should also be applied to prosecutors.

**DIGEST:** SB 740 would apply to a prosecutor's office provisions requiring an election prior to the reduction or reallocation of the office's funding or resources by a county. For the purposes of the bill, "prosecutor's office" would be defined as "the office of a district attorney, criminal district attorney, or county attorney with criminal jurisdiction." The bill would make conforming changes to reflect this revision.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2023.