

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, the Health and Safety Code requires an individual, to be eligible for appointment as a fire commissioner, to be a resident of a fire prevention district in a county with a population of 450,000 or more. Individuals who are not residents of these districts but who have a business interest in the districts are not allowed to serve as a fire commissioner. This bill provides that real property owners in certain rural fire prevention districts are eligible to serve as fire commissioner.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 718 provides that real property owners in certain rural fire prevention districts are eligible to serve as fire commissioner.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 794.033(e), Health and Safety Code, to require a person to be a resident or owner of real property in a rural fire prevention district (district) to be eligible for appointment to the board of a district in a county with a population of 450,000 or more that has not established a public health district under Chapter 121.

SECTION 2. Emergency clause.
Effective date: upon passage.