# **BILL ANALYSIS**

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# **DIGEST**

Currently, citizens across Texas who want to obtain an air conditioning and refrigeration contractor license must travel to Travis County (Austin) in order to complete the test for their license. There are concerns that this is an unwarranted and inconvenient requirement for many Texans who do not live in or near Travis County. This bill would require the examination for an air conditioning and refrigeration contractor license to be offered at locations within the state determined by the commissioner of the Department of Licensing and Regulation, on at least a monthly basis.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, H.B. 930 requires examinations for an air conditioning and refrigeration contractor license to be offered within the state determined by the commissioner of the Department of Licensing and Regulation, rather than only in Travis County.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

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

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 3(e), Article 8861, V.T.C.S. (Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Contractor License Law), to require the examination administered under this Act to be offered at locations within the state determined by the commissioner of the Department of Licensing and Regulation, rather than only in Travis County, and to be offered on a monthly, rather than quarterly, basis or more frequently as determined by the commissioner. Authorizes the examination to be offered by computer at locations within the state determined by the commissioner.

SECTION 2. (a) Effective date: September 1, 1997.

(b) Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.