

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST**

Currently, certain attorneys or other employees that work for district attorney's, county attorney's, or city attorney's offices are allowed to run for elected judgeship. Instances have arisen in which judges have reported difficulties resulting from this allowance. This bill establishes a statewide policy that employees of district attorney, county attorney, or city attorney offices are prohibited from running for an elected judicial office under certain conditions.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, S.B. 1840 prohibits certain persons from running for an elected judicial office under certain conditions.

### **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 Chapter 41B, Government Code, by adding Section 41.110, as follows:

Sec. 41.110. PROHIBITION ON RUNNING FOR ELECTED JUDICIAL OFFICE. Provides that certain persons are prohibited from running for an elected judicial office while maintaining employment with the district or county attorney's office.

SECTION 2. Amends Chapter 180, Local Government Code, by adding Section 180.004, as follows:

Sec. 180.004. CERTAIN MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES PROHIBITED FROM RUNNING FOR ELECTED JUDICIAL OFFICE. Provides that all paid employees of a city attorney's office are prohibited from running for an elected judicial office while maintaining employment with the city attorney's office.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 1997.

SECTION 4. Emergency clause.