BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, the county commissioners court sets the pay rate for many county employees. However, because of the unique responsibility of a county auditor to audit local government agencies, district judges, and not the commissioners court, both appoint and set the salary of county auditors. This bill would permit the county commissioners court to augment the county auditor's salary above the level district judges have set if the county commissioners court also gives other county employees a pay raise.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 1945 authorizes the county commissioners court to augment the county auditor's salary above the level the district judges have set if the county commissioners court also gives other county employees a pay raise.

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 152.031, Local Government Code, by adding Subsection (d), to authorize the commissioners court, if the commissioners court of a county grants a pay increase to all county employees for which the commissioners court is authorized to set a salary, to grant the county auditor a pay increase in the minimum amount granted to county employees.

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