

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

Senate Research Center

S.B. 1429  
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Committee Report (Amended)

### **DIGEST**

Currently, Texas law caps bounties paid by county commissioners courts on predatory animals at \$20. In some areas, landowners have created private bounty programs, and have asked the counties to match their contributions. S.B. 1429 would remove that cap, allowing commissioners courts to pay whatever they deem appropriate as bounties on predators.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, S.B. 1429 regulates the amount charged for bounties for predatory animals.

### **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 825.031(c), Health and Safety Code, to prohibit a bounty paid under this section from exceeding \$50 for each animal unless approved by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission (commission). Delete the provision prohibiting a bounty paid under this section from exceeding \$20 for each animal unless approved by the commission.

Effective date: 90 days upon passage.

### **SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES**

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