

**BILL ANALYSIS**

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**DIGEST**

Currently, under Texas law, the state pays Oldham County attorneys 30 percent of the salary paid to a district attorney by the state. However, there has been an increase in the case load for county attorneys and Oldham County is requesting that the county attorneys' salary be equal to district attorneys with Oldham County contributing \$28,500 and the state contributing the remainder. This bill would increase the salary of Oldham County attorneys to equal the salary of district attorneys.

**PURPOSE**

As proposed, S.B. 1839 increases the salary of Oldham County attorneys to equal the salary of district attorneys.

**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 45.280, Government Code, to require the county attorney in Oldham County to represent the state in all matters pending before the district court in Oldham County. Provides that the county attorney in Oldham County is entitled to be compensated by the state in the manner and amount provided by general law relating to the salary paid to district attorneys by the state. Requires Oldham County to pay \$28,500 of the county attorney's total salary, and the state shall pay the remainder of the salary. Deletes existing Subsection (b), entitling the county attorney to receive 30 percent of the salary paid to a district attorney by the state.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.