

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST AND PURPOSE**

Currently, county auditors in counties with populations of less than 10,000 are selected by a bifurcated process requiring a request for appointment by the county commissioners court and a judicial review by district judges. The current law also requires the commissioners court to determine that a county auditor is necessary to carry out county business and order the appointment into its minutes. The order must then be certified and the district judges must find that the reasons for the request are good and sufficient. This process may benefit counties with a slightly larger population. H.B. 3068 increases this population guideline for the appointment of county auditors from 10,000 to 15,000.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

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

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 84.002, Local Government Code, as follows:

Sec. 84.002. APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY AUDITOR. Requires the district judges, in a county with a population of 15,000 (rather than 10,000) or more, to appoint a county auditor. Makes a conforming change.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2001.