

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, in a county with a population of 1.5 million or more, if a prospective juror is removed from a jury panel for cause, by peremptory challenge or for any other reason, that juror is dismissed from jury service for the rest of the day. However, in smaller counties if a juror is removed from a jury panel, that juror can be rotated back into the jury pool on the same day. As proposed, S.B. 122 would allow counties with a population of 1.5 million or more to place a dismissed juror back into the jury pool that day.

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. Repealer: Section 62.021 (Dismissal of Juror Removed From Panel), Government Code.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2003.
Makes application of this Act prospective.