

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, county auditors serve a two-year term. A new auditor has barely learned the operations of county government and the related laws when it is time to reapply for the position. Similarly, the current public notice requirement for district judges setting auditor compensation is 15 days prior to hearing. As proposed, S.B. 1303 increases the term of a county auditor to four years and requires a notice of the compensation hearing to be published within a specific time frame.

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 84.004, Local Government Code, to make the term of office of a county auditor four, rather than two, years.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 152.905(c), Local Government Code, to require a notice of the hearing regarding compensation of a county auditor, assistant auditors and court reporters to be published not earlier than the 30th or later than the 10th, rather than on or before the 15th, day before the date of the hearing.

SECTION 3. Repealer: Section 152.032, Local Government Code (Limitations on County Auditor's Compensation and Allowances).

SECTION 4. (a) and (b) Make application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 5. Effective date: July 1, 2003 or September 1, 2003.