

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST AND PURPOSE**

Currently, the Texas State Guard's mission is to provide militia strength to supplement that of the Texas National Guard. To redirect the mission to a homeland security and community service roles, current law must be amended. As proposed, S.B. 1594 provides that the mission of the Texas State Guard is to provide mission-ready volunteer military forces in state homeland security and community service activities. This bill also requires a person to be citizen of the United States and a resident of this state for 180 days to volunteer for service in the Texas State Guard.

### **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 431.051, Government Code, as follows:

Sec. 431.051. New heading: SUPPLEMENTAL VOLUNTEER MILITARY FORCES.  
Provides that the mission of the Texas State Guard is to provide mission-ready volunteer military forces, rather than militia strength, for use by the state in homeland security and community service activities.

SECTION 2. Includes in the requirements to be a volunteer for service in the Texas State Guard that a person be a citizen of the United States and a resident of this state for at least 180 days.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2003.