

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST AND PURPOSE**

Since January 1991, Texas has executed 11 persons who were under the age of 18 at the time they committed a capital offense. Texas currently houses approximately one-third of all inmates currently on death row serving sentences for a juvenile crime. As proposed, S.B. 218 prohibits the application of the death penalty to a person who was under age 18 when the person committed a capital offense.

### **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 8.07(c), Penal Code, to prohibit any person, in any case, from being punished by death for an offense committed while the person was younger than 18, rather than 17, years.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2003.