

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

Under current law, the Texas Rangers are authorized to assist local law enforcement agencies in the investigation of sex crimes alleged to have been committed by a county or local elected official.

H.B. 2130 authorizes the attorney representing the state to request assistance from the Texas Rangers in investigating an elected official of a political subdivision who is alleged to have committed an offense that would subject the official to registration as a sex offender.

H.B. 2130 amends current law relating to the assistance of the Texas Rangers in the investigation of certain sex offenses.

### **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 Chapter 2, Code of Criminal Procedure, by adding Article 2.022, as follows:

Art. 2.022. ASSISTANCE OF TEXAS RANGERS. (a) Authorizes the attorney representing the state to request the Texas Rangers division of the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas to provide assistance to a local law enforcement agency investigating an offense that is alleged to have been committed by an elected officer of the political subdivision served by the local law enforcement agency, and on conviction or adjudication, would subject the elected officer to registration as a sex offender under Chapter 62 (Sex Offender Registration Program).

(b) Defines "assistance."

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2009.