

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 1860
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Jurisprudence
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Engrossed

DIGEST

Presently, cremation of a pauper is prohibited if a relative or friend expresses objection to this procedure. However, if the person objecting to cremation does not take financial responsibility for the ground burial, the county must pay for the burial. Burials are more expensive than cremation. This bill requires the commissioners court of each county to provide for the disposition of the body of a deceased pauper.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 1860 requires the commissioners court of each county to provide for the disposition of the body of a deceased pauper.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 694.002, Health and Safety Code, as follows:

Sec. 694.002. New heading: DUTY OF COMMISSIONERS COURT CONCERNING DISPOSITION OF BODY OF DECEASED PAUPER. Requires the commissioners court of each county to provide for the disposition of the body of a deceased pauper. Deletes a provision regarding cremation of a pauper.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1997.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.