# **BILL ANALYSIS**

Senate Research Center

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# **DIGEST**

Currently, two or more counties may choose to jointly employ and compensate one county auditor. In such a situation, each county involved must have a population of less than 25,000 people. The decision to employ a joint county auditor must be made by the commissioners courts of each county. This bill removes the population limit on counties that decide to jointly employ and compensate a county auditor.

# **PURPOSE**

As proposed, S.B. 1796 removes the population limit on counties that decide to jointly employ and compensate a county auditor.

### **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 84.008(a), Local Government Code, to authorize the commissioners courts of two or more counties, except as provided by Section 84.005, to agree to jointly employ and compensate a county auditor, rather than commissioners courts of two or more counties that each have a population of less that 25,000.

SECTION 2. Emergency clause

Effective date: upon passage.