

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, the county election officer is prohibited from charging a fee for general supervision which exceeds 5 percent of the total amount of the elections contract. Some local subdivisions contract with county election departments to coordinate and manage their elections. S.B. 509 would allow an elections officer to charge a fee not to exceed 10 percent of the total amount of the elections contract for general supervision or 5 percent of the contract for a primary election.

PURPOSE

As proposed, C.S.S.B. 509 prohibits a fee charged by the county election officer for general supervision from exceeding 10 percent of the total amount of the elections contract and 5 percent of the contract for a primary election.

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 31.100(d), Election Code, to prohibit a fee charged by the county election officer for general supervision of the election from exceeding 10 percent, rather than five percent, of the total amount of the contract, except that the fee may not exceed five percent of the contract for a primary election.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1997.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES

Amends SECTION 1, Section 31.100(d), Election Code, to prohibit a fee from exceeding five percent of the contract for a primary election.