

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST**

Currently, Health and Safety Code law sets eligibility requirements for county residents to qualify for assistance. The number of eligible citizens affects the ability of city and county owned hospitals to participate in the County Indigent Health Care Program and thus, the hospitals' ability to receive state matching funds. H.B. 2866 changes the sections of law that determine county residents' eligibility for assistance.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, H.B. 2866 changes the sections of law that determine county residents' eligibility for assistance.

### **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 61.037(e), Health and Safety Code, to specify that county residents qualify for assistance under Section 61.052, rather than 61.006, Health and Safety Code.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 61.038(a), Health and Safety Code, to specify that county residents qualify for assistance as described by Section 61.037, rather than 61.006, Health and Safety Code.

SECTION 3. Provides that the change in law applies only to mandatory health care services delivered on or after January 1, 2000. Sets forth standard language for the prospective application of this Act.

SECTION 4. Emergency clause.  
Effective date: upon passage.