

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, there is concern that travel time burdens the district attorney serving in Carson County because the far north end of the district served is over 100 miles from the farthest county seat in the same district. H.B. 3120 divides duties between certain attorneys, and sets forth provisions regarding compensation to reflect the new duties of the county attorney.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 3120 divides duties between certain attorneys, and sets forth provisions regarding compensation to reflect the new duties of the county attorney.

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 43.147, Government Code, to specify that the voters of Childress, Collingsworth, Donley, and Hall counties elect a district attorney for the 100th judicial district. Sets forth jurisdictional representation of the 100th judicial district attorney. Makes conforming changes.

SECTION 2. Amends Chapter 45B, Government Code, by adding Section 45.133, as follows:

Sec. 45.133. CARSON COUNTY. Requires the county attorney of Carson County to represent the state in all matters pending before the 100th district court. Entitles the county attorney to a certain salary. Requires Carson County to pay \$28,500 of the total salary, and provides that the state is required to pay the remainder. Entitles the county attorney to receive state funds for staff and office expenses as provided in the General Appropriations Act for a district attorney who serves a single-county district. Sets forth conditions under which a certain appointed attorney is required to represent the state.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 4. Emergency clause.