BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S/SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Currently, Chapter 701, Transportation Code, limits a county to the employment of not more than five county traffic officers who are dedicated to the enforcement of highway traffic safety.

H.B. 1165 excludes counties with a population of two million or more from the officer-limit provision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 701.001, Transportation Code, as follows:

Sec. 701.001. AUTHORIZATION. (a) Authorizes the commissioners court of a county, except as provided by Subsection (c), acting in conjunction with the sheriff of the county, to employ not more than five regular deputies as county traffic officers.

- (b) Makes a conforming change.
- (c) Provides that the limitation on the number of deputies that may be employed under Subsections (a) and (b) does not apply to a county with a population of more than two million.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2005.