

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Under current law, there is no disclosure requirement of the extra compensation earned by justices of the peace for performing weddings. Since this income is earned solely by virtue of their position as an elected official, it is not unreasonable for justices of peace to report this income.

H.B. 2468 requires justices of the peace, in a county with a population of 100,000 or more, to file a personal financial statement with the county clerk, making them subject to the same income disclosure requirements as other county officials.

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 159.003, Local Government Code, as follows:

Sec. 159.003. FINANCIAL STATEMENT REQUIRED. Requires a justice of the peace or candidate for the office of justice of the peace to file a financial statement as required by this subchapter (Financial Disclosure by Certain County Officers). Makes a conforming change.

SECTION 2. Amends Sections 159.004(a), (c), and (d), Local Government Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 3. Amends Section 159.007(c), Local Government Code, to make conforming and nonsubstantive changes.

SECTION 4. Amends Section 159.0071, Local Government Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 5. Amends Sections 159.008(a) and (c), Local Government Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 6. Requires a justice of the peace or a candidate for that office on the effective date of this Act to file the financial statement required for county officers under Subchapter A, Chapter 159, Local Government Code, as amended by this Act, on the first applicable financial statement filing deadline that occurs after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 7. Effective date: September 1, 2007.