

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

Interested parties report that certain individuals who volunteer for the Texas military forces currently are not required to subscribe to an oath of allegiance to the State of Texas and to the United States of America. These parties note the importance of the oath of affirmation to the Texas military forces. H.B. 1598 ensures that these volunteers are required to subscribe to such an oath.

H.B. 1598 amends current law relating to the Texas military forces oath of affirmation.

### **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 437.205(b), Government Code, as follows:

(b) Requires a person appointed, enlisted, or drafted in the Texas military forces or who volunteers for the Texas military forces to take and subscribe to the following oath. Sets forth the language of the oath.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2015.