

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Many counties around the state are required to mail a refund to an individual if the individual overpays a bill to the county. The parties further note that such an overpayment, which may be a simple mistake by the individual, is usually a very small amount and that the refunding process often costs the county more in printing and mailing than the actual amount of the refund. H.B. 2830 seeks to provide a common sense solution to this issue.

H.B. 2830 amends the Local Government Code to establish that a county is not required to refund an amount overpaid or otherwise paid in error to the county clerk or district clerk by a person if that amount is \$2 or less unless the person requests the refund in writing.

H.B. 2830 amends current law relating to the duty of a county to refund an amount of \$2 or less paid to the county clerk or district clerk.

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 Subchapter Z, Chapter 130, Local Government Code, by adding Section 130.911:

Sec. 130.911. COUNTY REFUND OF SMALL AMOUNT. Provides that a county is not required to refund an amount overpaid or otherwise paid in error to the county clerk or district clerk by a person if that amount is \$2 or less unless the person requests the refund in writing.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2015.