

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.J.R. 69
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

The office of inspector of hides and animals (office) was established in 1871 and filled by appointment by the governor for a four-year term. The office of was to aid in the prevention of cattle theft by a thorough inspection of all hides and animals shipped out of a county for sale. After adoption of the Constitution of 1876, the office became elective, and the term was shortened to two years. Few, if any, counties continued the office in the 1990's.

H.J.R. 69 proposes a constitutional amendment to abolish the constitutional authority for the office of inspector of hides and animals.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 64, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, as follows:

Sec. 64. Deletes existing text relating to the office of Inspector of Hides and Animals.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 65(a), Article XVI, Texas Constitution, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 3. Requires this proposed constitutional amendment to be submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 6, 2007. Sets forth the required language for the ballot.