

BILL SUMMARY
2nd Session of the 58th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB2990
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Impact:	District Attorney Costs: see below

Research Analysis

HB 2990 the second proposed committee substitute, gives county commissioners in counties with a population of 100,000 or more the authority to create ordinances over county affairs in such areas as:

- Adopt, repeal, and/or enforce administrative rules and procedures to carry out the administrative duties of the county, to create/authorize programs and services in the elected offices and divisions of county government, to create and manage boards
- Authorize punishment for breaking public safety regulations pursuant to this measure
- Expend federally awarded funds to the county in accordance with fund rules

The bill also:

- Provides that counties with populations less than 100,000 can follow the provisions of this measure if unanimously approved by the board of county commissioners
- Reaffirms Section [8.1 et seq. of Title 19](#) as the method for authorizing home rule
- Prohibits the regulation of businesses already under regulation from another state agency including the oil and gas industry
- Places responsibility for any legal services on the county district attorney
- Prohibits the authority of and/or any rules, regulations, or policies adopted by county commissioners pursuant to this measure to extend to an incorporated municipal area unless agreed upon by the municipality.

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Fiscal Analysis

Authorizes counties with populations of 100,000 or more to utilize rulemaking authority. The measure requires local district attorneys to provide legal services as necessary to facilitate such rulemaking. The measure could lead to additional needed efforts of District Attorneys in affected counties. Currently only 5 counties qualify to participate; therefore, a small number of District Attorney's could experience costs. Officials from the District Attorney's Council (DAC), were unable to provide a finite cost estimate for the provisions of the measure.

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Other Considerations

None.

