

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 2018
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Licensing & Administrative Procedures
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Interested parties suggest that certain information need not be obtained by a notary public. In addition, the parties are concerned that certain information found in the possession of a notary public should be protected from disclosure. H.B. 2018 seeks to address these issues by reforming the law regarding notaries public.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 2018 amends the Government Code to replace references to a residence or alleged residence, as applicable, in the required records of a notary public with references to an address. The bill limits a notary public's duty to provide a certified copy of any such record on request to any record of official acts and changes the origin of such a record from the notary public's office to the notary public's book of record.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2017.