

**SUBJECT:** Conforming statutes to reflect abolition of state treasurer's office

**COMMITTEE:** State Affairs — favorable, with amendments

**VOTE:** 11 ayes — Wolens, Brimer, Carter, Counts, Danburg, Hilbert, Hunter, Longoria, McCall, Ramsay, Stiles

0 nays

4 absent— S. Turner, Alavarado, Craddick, D. Jones

**WITNESSES:** For — None

Against — None

On — Steve Collins, Texas Legislative Council; Jack Drews, Texas Legislative Council

**BACKGROUND :** In November 1995 voters approved a constitutional amendment (SJR 1) proposed by the 74th Legislature to abolish the constitutional office of state treasurer. SB 20, the implementing legislation for SJR 1, mandated that all powers and duties of the state treasurer be transferred to the comptroller of public accounts. The office of state treasurer was abolished effective September 1, 1996.

**DIGEST:** HB 2841, as amended, would amend various statutes to conform with the abolishment of the office of state treasurer and the transfer of treasurer duties to the comptroller of public accounts. The bill would remove obsolete statutory references to the treasurer and replace them with the comptroller.

HB 2841 would not revive an abolished fund or account or an abolished dedication of revenue.

HB 2841 would take effect September 1, 1997.

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NOTES: The companion bill, SB 1288 by Sibley, was reported favorably on April 10 by the Senate Administration Committee.

The committee amendments would correct an error and delete a section concerning bingo taxes and fees previously collected by the treasurer but now collected by the Lottery Commission, not the comptroller.