

SUBJECT: Nonsubstantive additions and corrections to enacted statutes

COMMITTEE: State Affairs — favorable, without amendment

VOTE: 5 ayes — Swinford, Gattis, B. Cook, Farrar, Wong
0 nays
4 absent — Miller, J. Keffer, Martinez Fischer, Villarreal

WITNESSES: For — None
Against — None
On — David Skarke, Texas Legislative Council

DIGEST: HB 2018 would codify, without substantive change, various statutes omitted during prior recodifications; conform codifications enacted by the 78th Legislature, particularly the new Special District Local Laws Code and titles of the Insurance Code, to other laws enacted by that Legislature that did not amend the new codes; and make other corrections and changes, such as renumbering statutes with duplicate numbers.

If a law enacted by the 79th Legislature affected a provision repealed or redesignated by HB 2018, the repealed provision or previous designation would remain in effect, and, in cases of conflict, a law enacted by the current Legislature would control.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2005.

SUPPORTERS SAY: HB 2018 is the nonsubstantive clean-up bill compiled by the Texas Legislative Council and enacted by the Legislature each regular session to make correcting and conforming changes to the statutes. During a legislative session, more than one bill may add or amend the same section or subsection of a statute, resulting in duplicate numbering. Also, when new areas of the law are recodified, portions of existing law have to be amended to conform to the new codes. This bill is considered a nonsubstantive revision of the law under Art. 3, sec. 43 of the Constitution and thus does not violate the prohibition in Art. 3, sec. 35 against a bill,

other than a general appropriations bill, having more than one subject.

OPPONENTS
SAY:

No apparent opposition.

NOTES:

The companion bill, SB 979 by West, has been referred to the Senate Administration Committee.