

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

Senate Research Center

S.B. 1238  
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Committee Report (Amended)

### **DIGEST**

Currently, in order to have a warrant issued for the arrest of a parolee, parole staff must have a complaint notarized by a notary public. This can be difficult on evening and weekends. If the complaint was a self-verifying document, there would not be a delay in issuing warrants due to the unavailability of a notary. This bill will provide additional regulations regarding the issuance of a warrant for the return to confinement of certain inmates released to the supervision of the pardons and paroles division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, S.B. 1238 provides additional regulations regarding the issuance of a warrant for the return to confinement of certain inmates released to the supervision of the pardons and paroles division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

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

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 13(a), Article 42.18, Code of Criminal Procedure, to authorize a warrant for the return of certain individuals to be issued by certain individuals if there is a document that is self-authenticating as provided by Rule 902, Texas Rules of Criminal Evidence, rather than a verified complaint, stating that the person violated a rule or condition of release.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1997.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.

### **SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES**

Amendment 1.

Deletes SECTIONS 2 and 3.