

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST**

Currently, the attorney general is required to render a decision requested under the open records law within 60 days. This time limit can be extended an additional 20 days by informing the requestor and the governmental body within the original 60 days. S.B. 277 requires the attorney general to render decisions requested under the open records law within 20 days, and allows only a 10-day extension.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, S.B. 277 reduces the amount of time within which the attorney general is required to make a decision in an open records request.

### **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 552.306(a), Government Code, to reduce the number of days within which the attorney general is required to render a decision from 60 to 20, and also provides that the extension days are reduced from 20 to 10.

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.  
Effective date: 90 days after adjournment.