

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, the Sunset date for the Texas Lottery Commission is September 1, 2003. Texas law requires a contract between the Texas Lottery Commission and the lottery operator to terminate on or before September 1, 2004. This automatic termination date restricts the next lottery operator contract to a maximum of two years which would put the Texas Lottery Commission at a disadvantage when it begins to negotiate a new contract. S.B. 616 would allow the contract to be terminated without penalty should the lottery division of the Texas Lottery Commission be abolished.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 616 regulates the financial obligations of the state under contract between the Texas Lottery Commission and a lottery operator.

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 466.003(b), Government Code, to require a contract between the lottery division, established by the Texas Lottery Commission under Chapter 467, and a lottery operator under Section 466.014 (b) to contain a provision allowing the contract to be terminated without penalty should the division be abolished, rather than terminate on or before September 1, 2004.

SECTION 2. Emergency clause.
Effective date: upon passage.