

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, certain procedures are followed to process the return of stolen property to its owner. As proposed, S.B. 1262 allows a law enforcement officer to return stolen property to its owner without a property hearing if the ownership of the property is not contested.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Article 47.01, Code of Criminal Procedure, to require an officer who comes into custody of property alleged to have been stolen to hold it subject to the order of the proper court if the ownership of the property is contested or disputed. Deletes existing text pertaining to an exception from the requirement to hold stolen property.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2001.