

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, a legislator who asks for and receives a legislative continuance in a criminal or civil suit does not have to keep a record of the continuance, and a person has to go to the courthouse for said record. As proposed, S.B. 452 adds Section 30.003(g) to the Civil Practice and Remedies Code to provide that a court order granting a continuance to a legislator under Section 30.003 is public information.

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 Section 30.003, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, by adding Subsection (g), to provide that a court order granting an application for a continuance under this section and any other court document showing that an application for a continuance was granted under this section, including a copy of the order or other document, is considered to be public information for purposes of Section 552.002, Government Code, if the document or copy is maintained by a member of the legislature or for a member of the legislature and the member owns the document or copy or has a right of access to it.

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2003.