

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

In Texas, the time frame within which a county must begin a fire code inspection is five days after receipt of the written inspection request of the building's owner. For some more populous counties, this time frame is unattainable due to the high volume of requests. Without increasing current county budgets, there is insufficient available personnel to keep up with the growing demand for these inspections. H.B. 2610 seeks to address this issue by extending the time frame within which certain counties must begin fire code inspections.

H.B. 2610 amends current law relating to the deadline to begin a county fire code inspection in certain counties.

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 233.064, Local Government Code, by amending Subsection (e) and adding Subsection (e-1), as follows:

(e) Creates an exception under Subsection (e-1) to the requirement that a county begin the fire code inspection of a building subject to Subchapter C (Fire Code in Unincorporated Area) within five business days of a written inspection request. Makes a nonsubstantive change.

(e-1) Requires a county with a population of more than 3.3 million to begin a county fire code inspection of a building within 10 business days after the date of receipt of the written inspection request.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2021.