

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

The Texas Legislative Council is required by law to carry out a complete nonsubstantive revision of the Texas statutes. The process involves reclassifying and rearranging the statutes in a more logical order, employing a numbering system and format that will accommodate future expansion of the law, eliminating repealed, invalid, duplicative, and other ineffective provisions, and improving the draftsmanship of the law if practicable, all toward promoting the stated purpose of making the statutes “more accessible, understandable, and usable” without altering the sense, meaning, or effect of the law. Section 43, Article III, Texas Constitution, recognizes this type of bill as a “revision” for purposes of the legislature’s obligation under that section to revise the laws. H.B. 3506 renumbers sections and articles of codes that duplicate section and article numbers in existing statutes.

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. Provides that this Act is enacted as part of the state’s continuing statutory revision program under Chapter 323, Government Code. Provides that this Act is a revision for purposes of Section 43, Article III, Texas Constitution. (Page 1 of this bill.)

SECTION 2. Amends enacted codes by making conforming changes related to the renumbering or relettering and appropriate cross-referencing to eliminate duplicate citations or to relocate misplaced provisions. (Pages 1-24 of this bill.)

SECTION 3. Amends certain codes by making conforming changes related to the renumbering changes made by SECTION 2 of this Act, and adds section headings as appropriate. (Pages 24-47 of this bill.)

SECTION 4. Provides that if the number, letter, or designation assigned by SECTION 2 of this Act conflicts with a letter, number, or designation assigned by another Act of the 78th Legislature the other Act controls and the change made by this Act has no effect and any cross-reference change made by SECTION 3 of this Act to conform to that change made by SECTION 2 of this Act has no effect. (Pages 47-48 of this bill.)

SECTION 5. Effective date: September 1, 2003. (Page 48 of this bill.)