

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST AND PURPOSE**

Under current Texas law, chambers of commerce are not included in the definition of charitable organizations in the Civil Practices and Remedies Code. Under this arrangement, members of a chamber of commerce could be liable for actions of the chamber. S.B. 360 amends the Civil Practices and Remedies Code to add certain chambers of commerce to the definition of charitable organization and make members of such chambers of commerce exempt from certain civil actions.

### **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 84.003(1), Civil Practice and Remedies Code, by adding Subdivision (E) to add a local chamber of commerce that meets certain requirements to the definition of "charitable organization." Makes conforming changes.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 84.007, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, by adding Subsection (h) to exempt a statewide trade association that represents local chambers of commerce or a cosponsor of an event or activity with a local chamber of commerce from this chapter, unless the cosponsor is a charitable organization under this chapter.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2003.  
Makes application of this Act prospective.