

Amend **CSHB 1294** (Committee Printing) on page 2, line 11, after the period, by inserting:

If the trial or appellate court orders a stay of proceedings in the trial court, the stay expires on the date set by the court in accordance with this section. The stay must expire not later than the 18-month anniversary of the date on which the trial court signs the interlocutory order being appealed and may not be extended beyond that date. If more than one interlocutory appeal is allowed in the same civil action under Subsection (d) or (d-1), the cumulative length of all stays granted under this section may not exceed 18 months unless otherwise agreed by the parties.