BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 335 By: Hartnett Judiciary Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

The official court reporter in an evidentiary proceeding will receive requests from time to time from interested persons for a transcript of evidence in a case for which the reporter is responsible. Delay in receiving such transcript can cause material detriment to the applicant in some circumstances. The purpose of the bill is to set an upper limit on such delay and allow for greater certainty on the part of litigants.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

The bill would amend Section 52.047(a) of the Government Code to require an official court reporter furnish a transcript of evidence in a case reported by such reporter to a person applying for such transcript not later than the 120th day after application is made and the required fee is paid, or indigent status is established under Rule 20 of the Texas Rules of Appellate Procedure.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2007