

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 567
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Juvenile Justice & Family Issues
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Under Section 160.402 of the Family Code, a man may register no later than 31 days after the birth of the child if he seeks to be notified of adoption proceedings or the termination of his paternal rights.

However, under Section 160.415 of the Family Code, current law states that the registration is untimely if the registration is later than 30 days after the birth of the child. H.B.567 amends the time frame of 30 days in Section 160.415 of the Family Code to coincide with the time frame of 31 days as found in Section 160.402 of the Family Code.

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

SECTION 1. Amends Section 160.415 of the Family Code to provide that if a man registers later than the 31st day after the date of the birth of the child, the bureau of vital statistics shall notify the registrant that the registration was not timely filed.

SECTION 2. Upon passage, or, if the Act does not receive the necessary vote, the Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2007.