

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

S.B. 747  
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Human Services  
Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Under current state law, the governor is required to appoint an independent ombudsman for state supported living centers. This legislation clarifies that the governor shall appoint the ombudsman for a term of two years, expiring February 1 of odd-numbered years.

As proposed, S.B. 747 amends current law relating to the term for the independent ombudsman for state supported living centers.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 555.053, Health and Safety Code, by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (c) as follows:

- (a) Requires the governor to appoint the independent ombudsman for state supported living centers for a term of two years expiring February 1 of odd-numbered years.
- (c) Authorizes a person appointed as independent ombudsman to be reappointed.

SECTION 2. Requires a person serving as the independent ombudsman on the effective date of this Act to serve as the independent ombudsman until February 1, 2015, unless otherwise removed by the governor.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

Upon passage or September 1, 2013.