

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

The Texas Legislative Council (TLC) is required by Section 323.007 (Statutory Revision Program) of the Government Code, to carry out a complete nonsubstantive revision of the Texas statutes. The process involves reclassifying and rearranging the statutes in a more logical order, employing a numbering system and format that will accommodate future expansion of the law, eliminating repealed, invalid, duplicative, and other ineffective provisions, and improving the draftsmanship of the law if practicable—all toward promoting the stated purpose of making the statutes "more accessible, understandable, and usable" without altering the sense, meaning, or effect of the law.

The 82nd Legislature adopted additions to the Estates Code and the Special District Local Laws Code. The same legislature passed substantive bills that amended the codified statutes. Under Section 311.031(c) (relating to the preservation of amendments, revisions, or reenactments within repealed statutes under certain circumstances), Government Code, those substantive amendments are given effect as part of the codified law. As part of its duties under the continuing revision program, TLC prepares amendments to the new codes to clarify the law and conform the code to the substance of the law. Also as part of the duties relating to continuing statutory revision, TLC monitors the acts of each session and proposes nonsubstantive codifications of laws that should be included in previously enacted codes; identifies duplicate official citations in enacted codes and proposes appropriate renumbering; identifies organizational, reference, and terminology problems in enacted codes and nonsubstantively corrects those problems; and makes necessary corrections to enacted codes to conform the codes to the source law from which they were derived.

Section 43 (Revision of Laws), Article III, Texas Constitution, specifically recognized this type of bill as a "revision" for purposes of the legislature's obligation under that section to provide for the revising of laws. As such a revision, the bill is not subject to the constitutional rule prohibiting more than one subject in a single bill or the rule prohibiting amendments by reference.

This bill has the purpose of conforming additions to the Estates Code and the Special District Local Laws Code enacted by the 82nd Legislature to other acts of that legislature amending codified laws and conforming references appropriately; codifying without substantive change various statutes that were omitted from enacted codes; renumbering sections and articles of codes that duplicate section and article numbers; correcting without substantive change organizational, reference, and terminology problems; and making necessary corrections to enacted codes to conform the codes to the source law from which they were derived.

S.B. 1093 amends current law relating to nonsubstantive additions to and corrections in enacted codes, to the nonsubstantive codification or disposition of various laws omitted from enacted codes, and to conforming codifications enacted by the 82nd Legislature to other Acts of that legislature.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

ARTICLE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS
(Pages 1-2 of this bill.)

ARTICLE 2. CHANGES RELATING TO CIVIL PRACTICE AND REMEDIES CODE
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ARTICLE 3. CHANGES RELATING TO CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE
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ARTICLE 4. CHANGES RELATING TO EDUCATION CODE
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ARTICLE 5. CHANGES RELATING TO ELECTION CODE
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ARTICLE 6. CHANGES RELATING TO ESTATES CODE
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ARTICLE 7. CHANGES RELATING TO FAMILY CODE
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ARTICLE 8. CHANGES RELATING TO FINANCE CODE
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ARTICLE 9. CHANGES RELATING TO GOVERNMENT CODE
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ARTICLE 10. CHANGES RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE
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ARTICLE 11. CHANGES RELATING TO INSURANCE CODE
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ARTICLE 12. CHANGES RELATING TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE
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ARTICLE 13. CHANGES RELATING TO NATURAL RESOURCES CODE
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ARTICLE 14. CHANGES RELATING TO OCCUPATIONS CODE
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ARTICLE 16. CHANGES RELATING TO PENAL CODE
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ARTICLE 17. CHANGES RELATING TO PROPERTY CODE
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ARTICLE 18. CHANGES RELATING TO SPECIAL DISTRICT LOCAL LAWS CODE
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ARTICLE 19. CHANGES RELATING TO TAX CODE
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ARTICLE 20. CHANGES RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION CODE
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ARTICLE 21. CHANGES RELATING TO WATER CODE
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ARTICLE 22. REDESIGNATIONS
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