

Amend CSSB 709 (senate committee report) as follows:

(1) In the recital to SECTION 1 of the bill (page 1, line 27), between "(e-2)," and "(i-1)" insert "(e-3), (e-4),".

(2) In SECTION 1 of the bill, in added Subsection 2003.047(e-2), Government Code (page 1, lines 45-46), strike "or the administrative law judge, if applicable, under Subsection (e)".

(3) In SECTION 1 of the bill, in amended Section 2003.047, Government Code (page 1, between lines 46 and 47), insert the following:

(e-3) The deadline specified by Subsection (e-2) may be extended:

(1) by agreement of the parties with the approval of the administrative law judge; or

(2) by the administrative law judge if the judge determines that failure to extend the deadline would unduly deprive a party of due process or another constitutional right.

(e-4) For the purposes of Subsection (e-3)(2), a political subdivision has the same constitutional rights as an individual.