

BILL ANALYSIS

S.B. 1045
By: Estes
Environmental Regulation
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Interested parties contend that public notice requirements for certain air quality permit applications under the Texas Clean Air Act are inefficient and unnecessary in certain circumstances. S.B. 1045 seeks to address this issue by providing for the consolidation of certain notice requirements for such applications.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

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

S.B. 1045 amends the Health and Safety Code to authorize the notice of intent and the notice of the preliminary decision relating to an application for a preconstruction permit, permit amendment, or permit renewal review under the Texas Clean Air Act to be consolidated into one notice if, not later than the 15th day after the date the application for which the notice is required is received, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality determines the application to be administratively complete and the preliminary decision and draft permit related to the application are available at the time of such determination.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2017.