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| BILL ANALYSIS |

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| H.B. 2637 |
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| Committee Report (Unamended) |

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| **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**  There are concerns that the Supreme Court of Texas does not have adequate authority to modify or suspend procedures during a declared state of natural disaster. H.B. 2637 seeks to assist the court and citizens who may need time to recover after a natural disaster by providing for the extension of an order issued by the court relating to conducting court proceedings during such a disaster. |
| **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**  H.B. 2637 amends the Government Code to specify that, with respect to an order issued by the Supreme Court of Texas relating to conducting court proceedings during a disaster, an order so issued extends until terminated by a subsequent supreme court order and to remove the provision extending such an order for no more than 30 days from the date the order was signed unless renewed. |
| **EFFECTIVE DATE**  September 1, 2019. |