#### **BILL ANALYSIS**

H.B. 2365 By: Hunter House Administration Committee Report (Unamended)

#### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Concerns have been raised regarding the transparency of the process through which a person must publish notice of their intention to apply for the passage of certain local laws. While the notice includes the general purpose and substance of the intended law, it has been suggested that the inclusion of the name of the person paying for the publication would serve the public in the interest of transparency. H.B. 2365 seeks to address this issue by providing for this transparency.

# **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. 2365 amends the Government Code to require a notice of intent regarding application for the passage of a local or special law, and a notice of intent regarding application for the passage of a law establishing or adding territory to a municipal management district, to include the name of the person paying for the notice publication for the notice to be considered sufficient.

# **EFFECTIVE DATE**

September 1, 2019.

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