BILL ANALYSIS

Senate Research Center

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

H.B. 1610 amends current law relating to the nonsubstantive revision of certain provisions of the Code of Criminal Procedure, including conforming amendments.

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. NONSUBSTANTIVE REVISION OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

SECTION 1.01. Amends Title 1, Code of Criminal Procedure, by adding Chapters 5A, 9A, 49A, and 50A.

(Pages 1-62 of this bill.)

ARTICLE 2. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS

Makes conforming changes to various sections of the Code of Criminal Procedure, Family Code, Government Code, Health and Safety Code, Human Resources Code, Occupations Code, Penal Code, and Transportation Code.

(Pages 62-72 of this bill.)

ARTICLE 3. REPEALER

Repeals Chapters 5 (Family Violence Prevention), 9 (Offenses Injurious to Public Health), 49 (Inquests Upon Dead Bodies), and 50 (Fire Inquests) of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

(Page 72 of this bill.)

ARTICLE 4. GENERAL MATTERS

SECTION 4.01. Provides that this Act is enacted under Section 43 (Revision of Laws), Article III (Legislative Department), Texas Constitution. Provides that this Act is intended as a codification only, and no substantive change in the law is intended by this Act.

SECTION 4.02. (a) Provides that Chapter 311, Government Code (Code Construction Act), applies to the construction of each provision in the Code of Criminal Procedure that is enacted under Section 43, Article III, Texas Constitution (authorizing the continuing statutory revision program), in the same manner as to a code enacted under the continuing statutory revision program, except as otherwise expressly provided by the Code of Criminal Procedure.

(b) Provides that a reference in a law to a statute or a part of a statute in the Code of Criminal Procedure enacted under Section 43, Article III, Texas Constitution (authorizing

the continuing statutory revision program), is considered to be a reference to the part of that code that revises that statute or part of that statute.

SECTION 4.03. Effective date: April 1, 2027.