

- SUBJECT:** Limiting the time for a decision after filing certain appeals with TEA
- COMMITTEE:** Public Education — committee substitute recommended
- VOTE:** 10 ayes — Aycock, Allen, J. Davis, Deshotel, Farney, Huberty, K. King, Ratliff, J. Rodriguez, Villarreal
- 0 nays
- 1 absent — Dutton
- WITNESSES:** For — Monty Exter, The Association of Texas Professional Educators; Ted Melina Raab, Texas American Federation of Teachers; (*Registered, but did not testify*: Portia Bosse, Texas State Teachers Association; David Dunn, Texas Charter Schools Association; Holly Eaton, Texas Classroom Teachers Association; Harley Eckhart, Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association; Ken McCraw, Texas Association of Community Schools; Casey McCreary, Texas Association of School Administrators; Don Rogers, Texas Rural Education Association; Julie Shields, Texas Association of School Boards and Texas Association of School Administrators; Howell Wright, Texas Association of Mid-Size Schools, Texas Association of Community Schools)
- Against — None
- On — (*Registered, but did not testify*: David Anderson, Texas Education Agency)
- BACKGROUND:** Education Code, sec. 7.057 allows a person to file an appeal to the commissioner of education if the person is aggrieved by the actions or decisions of any school district board of trustees that violate school laws or an employment contract that causes monetary harm to the employee.
- DIGEST:** CSHB 2952 would require the commissioner of education to issue a decision in an appeal against a school district within 240 days after the appeal was filed. Appeals covered by the bill would be appeals without in-person hearings. The parties to the appeal could agree in writing to extend the decision deadline by not more than 60 days.

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This bill would take immediate effect if finally passed by a two-thirds record vote of the membership of each house. Otherwise, it would take effect September 1, 2013.