

- SUBJECT:** Nonsubstantive recodification of statutes in various codes
- COMMITTEE:** State Affairs — committee substitute recommended
- VOTE:** 10 ayes — Cook, Giddings, Farney, Farrar, Geren, Harless, Huberty, Kuempel, Minjarez, Smithee
- 0 nays
- 3 absent — Craddick, Oliveira, Sylvester Turner
- SENATE VOTE:** On final passage, April 14 — 31-0
- WITNESSES:** For — None
- Against — None
- On — (*Registered, but did not testify*: Maria Breitschopf and Mike Marshall, Texas Legislative Council)
- BACKGROUND:** Government Code, sec. 323.007 requires the Texas Legislative Council to revise Texas statutes periodically to make them more accessible, understandable, and usable without altering their sense, meaning, or effect. As part of this process, the Legislative Council reclassifies and rearranges statutes in a more logical order; employs a numbering system and format that will accommodate future expansion of the law; eliminates repealed, invalid, and duplicative provisions; and improves the draftsmanship of the law.
- DIGEST:** CSSB 1296 would make nonsubstantive revisions to various codes by making corrections, conforming other laws to the codes, and codifying other existing laws as new provisions in the codes. The bill would make various nonsubstantive amendments to enacted codes, including amendments to conform the codes to acts of previous legislatures, correct references and terminology, properly organize and number the law, and codify other law that properly belongs in those codes. The bill would re-

number and re-letter provisions of enacted codes and change references to eliminate duplicated citations and correct corresponding references.

The following codes would be impacted:

- Alcoholic Beverage Code;
- Civil Practice and Remedies Code;
- Code of Criminal Procedure;
- Education Code;
- Election Code;
- Family Code;
- Finance Code;
- Government Code;
- Health and Safety Code;
- Insurance Code;
- Local Government Code;
- Natural Resources Code;
- Occupations Code;
- Special District Local Laws Code;
- Tax Code;
- Transportation Code;
- Water Code;
- Estates Code and codification of the Texas Probate Code; and
- disposition of certain civil statutes.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2015, except as otherwise provided in the bill.

NOTES:

CSSB 1296 differs from the Senate engrossed version in that the House committee substitute would:

- add language amending Education Code, sec. 54.5191(a) regarding an intercollegiate athletics fee on students enrolled at the University of North Texas;
- add language amending Education Code, sec. 54.5381(a) regarding

an intercollegiate athletics fee on students enrolled at a component institution of the Texas State University System, other than Texas State University; and

- remove language related to Government Code, sec. 103.0213 as amended by HB 2305 by E. Rodriguez, passed by the 83rd Legislature in 2013.