

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST**

Currently, court reporting firms owned by out-of-state interests or non-court reporters are not subject to Texas' standards and Court Reporters Certification Board sanctions. S.B. 1366 expands the application of laws and sets forth eligibility qualifications regulating court reporting firms.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, S.B. 1366 sets forth eligibility qualifications for shorthand reporters and court reporting firms, and creates a registration fee.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Sections 52.021(b), (h), and (i), Government Code, to provide an exception as provided in Subsection (d). Prohibits shorthand reporting unless a person is an official court reporter of a court in Texas, a self-employed freelance shorthand reporter, or an independent contractor for or employed by a court reporting firm. Requires a court reporting firm to register with the Court Reporters Certification Board by paying a maximum \$5,000 fee. Makes conforming changes.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.