BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, a county commissioners court (court) must hold a public hearing on a proposed budget within 7 days after the day the budget is filed with the county clerk. However, the court is required to publish notice of the hearing no later than the 10th day before the date of the hearing. Therefore, the public is unable to view the proposed budget for 3 days after notice of the hearing is posted. This bill changes the period of time that the court must hold a public hearing after a proposed budget is filed with the county clerk from 7 days to 10 days, to allow the public the full 10 days to review the proposed budget before the hearing.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 338 requires a county commissioners court to hold a hearing on a proposed budget within a certain time period.

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 Section 111.038(b), Local Government Code, to require a county commissioners court to hold a hearing on a proposed budget within 10 calendar days, rather than 7 days, after the proposed budget is filed but before a certain date.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 111.067(b), Local Government Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.

Effective date: upon passage.