

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Currently, bills published on the Texas Legislature Online website do not contain hyperlinks to statutory provisions referenced in the bill. As a result, the public has to manually look up such provisions, and interested parties contend that, in addition to being inconvenient and time-consuming, this process is prone to error. H.B. 1271 seeks to make finding the content of cross-referenced statutes in bills easier and more accurate.

H.B. 1271 amends current law relating to providing links in the online text of proposed legislation to other state laws referenced in that legislation.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 323.0145, Government Code, by adding Subsection (e), as follows:

(e) Requires the Texas Legislative Council (TLC), to the extent feasible, to include in any electronic version of a document made available to the public through the Internet an electronic link or other method by which a person reading the document is authorized to automatically access the text of the referenced section if the text of a document described by Subsection (a)(2)(C) (defining "legislative information") or (D) (defining "legislative information") includes a cross-reference to a section of state statute.

SECTION 2. Provides that the change in law made by this Act applies only to a bill or joint resolution filed, or an amendment or substitute adopted by a legislative committee, on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. Effective date: November 1, 2014.