

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 3690
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

H.B. 3690 seeks to provide the governing body of a Type A general-law municipality the authority to vote to stagger terms. It has been noted that the governing body of a Type A general-law municipality that does not currently have the staggered terms for aldermen does not have the authority to opt to stagger terms. Having an entire governing body up for election at one time leads to a possibility of complete turnover in one election and instability in leadership of the municipality.

H.B. 3690 authorizes the governing body of a Type A general-law municipality whose aldermen are not serving staggered terms of office to provide by majority vote for the staggering of terms by requiring the drawing of lots by the aldermen.

H.B. 3690 amends current law relating to the staggering of terms of aldermen on the governing body of a Type A general-law municipality.

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 22.034, Local Government Code, by adding Subsection (d), as follows:

(d) Authorizes the governing body of a municipality by majority vote, if the aldermen of the governing body are not serving staggered terms of office as provided by Subsection (b) (relating to requiring two aldermen to determine which alderman serves for one year and which alderman serves for two years), to provide for the staggering of terms by requiring the drawing of lots by the aldermen.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2021.