

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, a municipal board must be formed if a city wants to relocate, reconstruct, or remove on-premise signs. C.S.S.B. 656 authorizes a municipality to require the removal of an on-premise sign or sign structure not sooner than the first anniversary of the date the business, person, or activity that the sign or sign structure identifies or advertises ceases to operate on the premises on which the sign or sign structure is located.

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 216.003, Local Government Code, by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (e), as follows:

(b) Provides that except as provided by Subsection (e), the owner of a sign that is required to be relocated, reconstructed, or removed is entitled to be compensated by the municipality for costs associated with the relocation, reconstruction, or removal.

(e) Authorizes a municipality that exercises authority under this subchapter, without paying compensation as provided by this subchapter, to require the removal of an on-premise sign or sign structure not sooner than the first anniversary of the date the business, person, or activity that the sign or sign structure identifies or advertises ceases to operate on the premises on which the sign or sign structure is located. Provides that the removal of a sign or sign structure as described by this subsection does not require the appointment of a board under Section 216.004.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2003.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES

SECTION 1. Differs from the original by adding Subsection (b) to proposed text and adding new language to proposed Subsection (e) relating to removal of a sign or sign structure without paying compensation as provided by this subchapter.

SECTION 2. No change.