

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 3690
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Urban Affairs
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

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 seeks to provide the governing body of a Type A general-law municipality the authority to vote to stagger terms.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 3690 amends the Local Government Code to authorize 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.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2021.