

BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 4056
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Committee Report (Substituted)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Texas will celebrate the 200th anniversary of its declaration of independence on March 2, 2036. The celebrations that occurred in Texas for the 150th and 100th anniversaries of independence were tremendous economic generators for the state. There have been calls for the planning of the bicentennial celebration to begin as soon as possible so that economic benefit provided to the state matches or exceeds that of previous statewide celebrations. C.S.H.B. 4056 seeks to address this issue by creating a diverse committee to study the formation of a Texas Bicentennial Commission to plan a celebration for the 2036 Texas Bicentennial.

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

C.S.H.B. 4056 establishes the 77-member committee to study the formation of a Texas Bicentennial Commission to plan the celebration of the 2036 Texas bicentennial. The bill does the following:

- provides for the composition, operation, and meetings of the committee;
- prohibits a member of the committee from receiving compensation for service on the committee;
- requires the General Land Office and the Texas Historical Commission to provide administrative support services at the committee's request; and
- requires the committee to submit a written report not later than December 30, 2022, to each member of the legislature with recommendations on the applicable areas of study and any other recommendations the committee considers appropriate.

The committee is abolished and the bill's provisions expire January 1, 2023.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2021.

COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL AND SUBSTITUTE

While C.S.H.B. 4056 may differ from the original in minor or nonsubstantive ways, the following summarizes the substantial differences between the introduced and committee substitute versions of the bill.

The substitute changes the original's committee membership by adding a member who is appointed by the director and librarian of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission.