

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, easier access to the *Texas Register* through the Internet is reducing subscription rolls. Consequently, the primary revenue source of this publication has been reduced. If the *Texas Register* were required to be published only 52 times a year, instead of 100 times a year, production cost would decrease. For example, if this were the case for fiscal year 1996, the secretary of state would have saved \$10,000 in postage. Additionally, there may be cost savings through greater competition for a printing contract involving only 52 issues a year, rather than a 100 issues a year. Such competition may lead to more bids and, subsequently, lower bids. S.B. 1177 would require the secretary of state to publish the *Texas Register* at a regular interval at least 52 times each calendar year.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 1177 requires the secretary of state to publish the *Texas Register* at a regular interval at least 52 times each calendar year.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 2002.013, Government Code, to require the secretary of state to publish the *Texas Register* at regular intervals, but not less often than 52, rather than 100, times each calendar year.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1997.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.