BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, Texas law allows municipal code violators to leave their property in a non-conforming status for 10 days, which may have an adverse impact on property values. In addition, the 10-day limit curtails a local government's right to control municipal code violations. H.B. 1110 would establish conditions regarding the requirements for notice and violations of certain municipal ordinances.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 1110 establishes conditions regarding the requirements for notice and violations of certain municipal ordinances.

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 Sections 342.006(a) and (b), Health and Safety Code, to authorize a municipality to perform certain tasks, if the owner of property in the municipality does not comply with a municipal ordinance or requirement within seven days, rather than 10 days, of notice of the violation. Requires the notice to be given by publication once, rather than twice within 10 consecutive days.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.