

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Under current law, the house general investigating committee (committee) has jurisdiction to investigate a variety of issues of statewide concern. The committee consists of five members and conducts inquiries and investigations in which sensitive information held by the committee may be subject to public disclosure. H.B. 1056 allows the composition of the committee to be increased and for sensitive information held by the committee to be withheld from public release.

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 301.017(c), Government Code, to require the house general investigating committee to consist of not fewer than five house members appointed by the speaker.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 301.018(d), Government Code, to provide that a majority of the, rather than three, members of a general investigating committee constitutes a quorum to transact business.

SECTION 3. Amends Section 301.020, Government Code, by adding Subsection (e) to provide that information held by a general investigating committee that if held by a law enforcement agency or prosecutor would be excepted from the requirements of Section 552.021 under Section 552.108 is confidential and not subject to public disclosure.

SECTION 4. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2001.