

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

Under Section 160.402, Family Code, a man may register, not later than 31 days after the birth of the child, if he seeks to be notified of adoption proceedings or the termination of his paternal rights. However, under Section 160.415, Family Code, the registration is considered untimely if the registration is later than 30 days after the birth of the child.

C.S.H.B. 567 makes the necessary change to harmonize the notification dates in both sections of the Family Code.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

Rulemaking authority previously granted to the bureau of vital statistics is modified in SECTION 2 (Section 160.421, Family Code) of this bill.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 160.415, Family Code, to require the bureau of vial statistics (bureau) to notify the registrant that the registration was not timely filed, if a man registers paternity later than the 31st, rather than 30th, day after the date of the birth of the child.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 160.421(a), Family Code, to authorize the petitioner to request a search of the registry on or after the 32nd day after the date of the birth of the child, and prohibit the bureau by rule from imposing a waiting period that must elapse before the bureau will conduct the requested search.

SECTION 3. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2007.