Chapter 951

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| 2 | relating to requiring notice of the scheduling of an execution date |
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| 3 | and the issuance of a warrant of execution. |
| 4 | BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: |
| 5 | SECTION 1. Article 43.141, Code of Criminal Procedure, is |
| 6 | amended by adding Subsections (b-1) and (b-2) and amending |
| 7 | Subsection (c) to read as follows: |
| 8 | (b-1) Not later than the second business day after the date |
| 9 | on which the convicting court enters an order setting the execution |
| 10 | date, a copy of the order must be sent by first-class mail, e-mail, |
| 11 | or fax to: |
| 12 | (1) the attorney who represented the condemned person |
| 13 | in the most recently concluded stage of a state or federal |
| 14 | postconviction proceeding; and |
| 15 | (2) the office of capital writs established under |
| 16 | Subchapter B, Chapter 78, Government Code. |
| 17 | (b-2) The exclusive remedy for a failure to comply with |
| 18 | Subsection (b-1) is the resetting of the execution date under this |
| 19 | article. |
| 20 | (c) An [The first] execution date may not be earlier than |
| 21 | the 91st day after the date the convicting court enters the order |
| 22 | setting the execution date. [A subsequent execution date may not be |
| 23 | earlier than the 31st day after the date the convicting court enters |
| 24 | the order setting the execution date. |

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1 SECTION 2. Article 43.15, Code of Criminal Procedure, is 2 amended to read as follows:

3 Art. 43.15. WARRANT OF EXECUTION. (a) Whenever any person is sentenced to death, the clerk of the court in which the sentence 4 5 is pronounced[7] shall, not later than the 10th day [within ten days] after the court enters its order setting the date for 6 execution, issue a warrant under the seal of the court for the 7 execution of the sentence of death, which shall recite the fact of 8 conviction, setting forth specifically the offense, the judgment of 9 10 the court, and the time fixed for the [his] execution, and which 11 shall be directed to the director of the correctional institutions 12 division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice [Director of the Department of Corrections] at Huntsville, Texas, commanding the 13 14 <u>director</u> [him] to proceed, at the time and place named in the order 15 of execution, to carry the same into execution, as provided in [the preceding | Article 43.14, and shall deliver such warrant to the 16 17 sheriff of the county in which such judgment of conviction was had, 18 to be [by him] delivered by the sheriff to the director [said Director of the Department of Corrections], together with the 19 condemned person if the person [he] has not previously been so 20 21 delivered.

- (b) At the time the warrant is issued under Subsection (a),
- 23 the clerk of the court shall send a copy of the warrant to:
 24 (1) the attorney who represented the condemned person
- 25 <u>in the most recently concluded stage of a state or federal</u>
- 26 postconviction proceeding;
- (2) the attorney representing the state; and

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- 1 (3) the office of capital writs established under
- 2 <u>Subchapter B, Chapter 78, Government Code.</u>
- 3 SECTION 3. (a) Article 43.141, Code of Criminal Procedure,
- 4 as amended by this Act, applies only to an order entered on or after
- 5 the effective date of this Act. An order entered before the
- 6 effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the
- 7 date the order was entered, and the former law is continued in
- 8 effect for that purpose.
- 9 (b) Article 43.15, Code of Criminal Procedure, as amended by
- 10 this Act, applies only to a warrant issued on or after the effective
- 11 date of this Act. A warrant issued before the effective date of
- 12 this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the warrant was
- 13 issued, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.
- 14 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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certify that S.B. No. 1071 passed the Senate on April 20, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 30, May 28, 2015, Senate refused to concur in House amendment and requested appointment of Conference Committee; May 29, 2015, House granted request of the Senate; May 30, 2015, Senate adopted Conference Committee Report by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1._

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1071 passed the House, with amendment, on May 24, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 141, Nays 0, two present not voting; May 29, 2015, House granted request Senate for appointment of Conference Committee; of the May 31, 2015, House adopted Conference Committee Report by the following vote: Yeas 142, Nays 0, two present not voting.

> Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

4-16-2015

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Secretary of State

FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 30, 2015

TO: Honorable Dan Patrick, Lieutenant Governor, Senate Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB1071 by Hinojosa (Relating to requiring notice of the scheduling of an execution date and the issuance of a warrant of execution.), Conference Committee Report

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure to require a convicting court and a clerk of court to provide a copy of certain documents relating to the scheduled execution of an individual to certain parties. Failure to comply with requirements, as set forth by provisions of the bill, would result in the resetting of the execution date.

The Office of Court Administration reported no significant fiscal impact to the state court system is anticipated.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council

LBB Staff: UP, KJo, ESi, SD, EK

FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 25, 2015

TO: Honorable Dan Patrick, Lieutenant Governor, Senate

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB1071 by Hinojosa (Relating to requiring notice of the scheduling of an execution date

and the issuance of a warrant of execution.), As Passed 2nd House

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Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council

LBB Staff: UP, KJo, SD, EK

FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

April 1, 2015

TO: Honorable John Whitmire, Chair, Senate Committee on Criminal Justice

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB1071 by Hinojosa (relating to requiring notice of the scheduling of an execution date and the issuance of a warrant of execution.), Committee Report 1st House, Substituted

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LBB Staff: UP, KJo, SD, EK

FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

March 29, 2015

TO: Honorable John Whitmire, Chair, Senate Committee on Criminal Justice

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB1071 by Hinojosa (Relating to requiring notice of the scheduling of an execution date

and the issuance of a warrant of execution.), As Introduced

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