

**HB 2430 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Business and General Government**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Removes sunset date of Public Records Advisory Council (PRAC). Sets two-year terms for PRAC members and allows specified members to complete three- and four-year terms that began January 1, 2018.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

SB 106 (2017) established the office of the Public Records Advocate (PRA) and the Public Records Advisory Council (PRAC). The PRA is nominated by the PRAC and appointed by the Governor, and provides public records training and dispute resolution services for disputes arising from a request to inspect or receive copies of public records. The PRAC is composed of representatives from the Secretary of State, Attorney General, Department of Administrative Services, news media, state and local government, and the general public. The PRA is also a member, and serves as chair of the PRAC. The PRAC meets at least twice annually to consider issues related to public records and make recommendations to enhance transparency. The PRAC reports annually to the Governor and the Legislative Assembly on its findings. The PRAC sunsets on January 1, 2021.

House Bill 2430 removes the sunset date of the PRAC and establishes two-year terms for PRAC members other than the PRA. The measure allows existing PRAC members to complete three- and four-year terms that began January 1, 2018.