

SB 862 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Modifies the advertising requirement for a self-storage facility (facility) that has a lien on personal property worth at least \$300 from once a week for two consecutive weeks in a local newspaper to once; alternatively allows the facility to post on a publicly accessible website that regularly advertises or offers personal property for auction or sale. Removes requirement that if no newspaper is available, facility must post in at least six conspicuous places in the neighborhood of the facility. Allows facility to sell the property five days (instead of 15) after the posting concerning the sale.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

If a self-storage renter leaves personal property worth more than \$300 in a unit, that is subject to a lien, current law requires the self-storage facility to advertise a sale once a week for two consecutive weeks in a local newspaper. If there is no newspaper of general circulation, the law requires the ad be posted in at least six conspicuous places in the neighborhood of the storage facility. The personal property may currently be listed for sale on an appropriate website, but the sale must be completed in person. After 15 days has passed, the facility may sell the items; if no bids are received, the facility may dispose of the items.

SB 862 continues to allow advertising in a local newspaper but reduces publication from once a week for two consecutive weeks to one publication; alternatively, a facility may publish notice of the sale on an appropriate website. The measure also reduces the number days the facility must wait to sell or dispose of the personal property from 15 days to five.