

HCS SCS SB 57 -- PUBLIC ADMINISTRATORS

This bill allows a public administrator to request the transfer of any case to the jurisdiction of another county by filing a petition for transfer and requires the court to transfer the case if the requirements for venue are met and the administrator of the receiving county consents to the transfer. The receiving county court must appoint, without the necessity of a hearing, its public administrator as successor guardian and/or successor conservator and issue the appropriate letters. In the case of a conservatorship, the final settlement of the public administrator's conservatorship must be filed in the original county within 30 days of the transfer and forwarded to the receiving county upon audit and approval.

The bill also specifies that risk coverages procured by an association formed by three or more political subdivisions to provide liability and other insurance will not be deemed to constitute a contract, purchase, or expenditure of public funds and does not require the solicitation of competitive bids. The association is authorized to close meetings, records, and votes under the Open Meetings and Records Law, commonly known as the Sunshine Law, to the extent that the meetings, records, and votes pertain to actuarial analysis, loss history, claims, data, reports, and similar information relating to the determination of member rates and contributions.