



Sunset Review Process

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Sunset Staff Evaluation

Sunset staff performs extensive research and analysis to evaluate the need for, performance of, and improvements to the agency under review.

Sunset Commission Staff

- Reviews agency's Self-Evaluation Report
- Receives input from interested parties
- Evaluates agency and identifies problems
- Develops recommendations
- Publishes staff report

Public input is confidential

Sunset Publishes Staff Report

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Sunset Commission Deliberation

The Sunset Commission conducts a public hearing to take testimony on the staff report and the agency overall. Later, the Commission meets again to vote on which changes to recommend to the full Legislature.

Public Hearings

- Sunset staff presents its report and recommendations
- Agency presents its response
- Sunset Commission hears public testimony
- Staff compiles all testimony for Commission consideration
- Sunset Commission meets again to consider and vote on recommendations

Public input is published on the website

Sunset Commission Recommends Action

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Legislative Action

The full Legislature considers Sunset recommendations and makes final determinations.

Texas Legislature

- Sunset bill on an agency is drafted and filed
- Sunset bills go through normal bill processes
- The Senate and the House conduct committee hearings and debate the bill
- Bill passes or fails adoption
- Governor signs, vetoes, or allows bill to become law without signature

Agency continues with improvements.



OR

Agency is abolished but may continue business for up to one year.

