

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 3879
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Interested parties believe that certain residential property owners should be able to have a person other than the owner who is not an attorney represent the owner in an appeal of an eviction suit for nonpayment of rent in a county or district court. H.B. 3879 authorizes such representation. (Original Author's / Sponsor's Statement of Intent)

H.B. 3879 amends current law relating to nonlawyer representation in an appeal of an eviction suit.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 24.011, Property Code, as follows:

Sec. 24.011. NONLAWYER REPRESENTATION. (a) Creates this subsection from existing text. Makes no further changes to this subsection.

(b) Authorizes an owner of a multifamily residential property to be represented by the owner's authorized agent, who need not be an attorney, or, if the owner is a corporation or other entity, by an employee, owner, officer, or partner of the entity, who need not be an attorney, in an appeal of an eviction suit for nonpayment of rent in a county or district court.

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2017.