BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

In certain cases, local governments may appoint a receiver to rehabilitate properties that are in violation of city ordinances. Current law only allows individuals with previous history of rehabilitating properties to be appointed. The City of El Paso has found it difficult to find people with previous experience to take on these projects.

S.B. 254 expands those who are eligible to be receivers by no longer requiring them to have previous experience, so long as they are found to be competent and able to fulfill the duties of a receiver by the municipality.

As proposed, S.B. 254 amends current law relating to court appointment of a receiver for a property that is in violation of certain municipal ordinances.

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 214.003, Local Government Code, by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (b-1), as follows:

(b) Creates an exception under Subsection (b-1) to a court's authority to appoint a receiver for certain property.

(b–1) Authorizes a court to appoint as a receiver under Subsection (b) an individual without a demonstrated record of rehabilitating properties if the municipality bringing an action demonstrates that the individual is competent and able to fulfill the duties of a receiver.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2019.