

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 1332
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Business & Industry
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

There are concerns regarding the requirement that a notice to vacate be given in person or by mail from a landlord to a tenant. Interested parties explain that only under limited circumstances can such a notice be affixed to the outside of the main entry door when given in person, which may create a precarious situation for a landlord if required to affix the notice to the inside of the door. H.B. 1332 seeks to address this issue.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 1332 amends the Property Code to remove the conditions under which a landlord is authorized to securely affix a required notice to vacate on the outside of the main entry of a tenant's door and to instead authorize securely affixing the notice to the outside of the main entry door as an alternative to affixing the notice to the inside of the main entry door.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2015.