

- SUBJECT:** Revival of dormant judgments
- COMMITTEE:** Civil Practices — favorable, with amendment
- VOTE:** 6 ayes — T. Hunter, Hilbert, Culberson, Hartnett, Moffat, Zbranek
0 nays
3 absent — Alvarado, Sadler, Tillery
- WITNESSES:** For — Randy M. Lee, Stewart Title, Texas Land Title Association
Against — None
- BACKGROUND:** A judgment may be revived under current Texas law anytime within ten years after the judgment is rendered. The purpose of reviving a judgment is to allow for its enforcement. The procedure for reviving a judgment involves either a scire facias (a judicial writ that revives a judgment) or by an action of debt.

A title to land may not be clear at anytime while a judgment may be revived.
- DIGEST:** HB 2370, as amended, would alter the time in which a judgment could be revived from ten years after the rendition of the judgment to two years after the judgment becomes dormant.

The bill would take effect September 1, 1995, and apply only to actions to revive a judgment brought on or after December 1, 1996.
- NOTES:** The committee amendment would shorten the time for the revival of a dormant judgment from four years in the original version to two years.