

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 998
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DIGEST

Current law provides that a person commits burglary if the person enters a building or habitation and commits, attempts to commit, or intends to commit a felony or theft. H.B. 998 provides that a person commits burglary if the person enters a building or habitation and commits, attempts to commit, or intends to commit a felony, theft, or assault.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 998 relates to the prosecution of the offense of burglary.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 30.02(a), Penal Code, to add assault to the list of elements, that includes a felony or theft, that can constitute burglary. Makes nonsubstantive and conforming changes.

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 4. Emergency clause.