

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, Texas law under S.B. 642, 75th Legislature, states that the common nuisance statute applies to a person maintaining a multiunit residential property, which a person habitually goes to commit several serious offenses. S.B. 642 was written for a particular neighborhood in Fort Worth, and carries a population cap of 440,000. This bill would allow the common nuisance statute to apply to any municipality.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 56 applies the existing common nuisance statute for a multiunit residential property to all municipalities.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Repealer: Section 125.001(c), Civil Practice and Remedies Code (Common Nuisance).

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1999.
Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.