

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

Filing for bankruptcy is often a sign of difficult times. Either through daily meditation or inspiration, many look to religious beliefs for guidance through such times. Providing for a person in the process of filing for bankruptcy to retain texts related to those beliefs may aid the person in maintaining the sense of security derived from the person's faith or religion.

H.B. 167 provides that a bible or other book containing sacred religious literature or writing is exempt from seizure.

### **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 Sections 42.001(b) and (c), Property Code, as follows:

(b) Includes a religious bible or other book containing sacred writings of a religion as an item of personal property that is exempt from garnishment, attachment, execution, or other seizure and is not included in the aggregate limitations provided by Subsection (a) of this section.

(c) Provides that this section does not prevent seizure by a secured creditor with a contractual landlord's lien or other security in the property to be seized, except for a religious bible or other book containing sacred writings of a religion.

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2007.