

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

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**April 28, 2003**

**TO:** Honorable Troy Fraser, Chair, Senate Committee on Business & Commerce

**FROM:** John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: SB92** by West (Relating to a residential tenant's right to summon police or emergency assistance.), **As Introduced**

<b>No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill amends Subchapter A, Chapter 92 of the Property Code by adding Section 92.015 relating to a residential tenant's right to summon police or emergency assistance. A landlord may not (a) prohibit or limit a residential tenant's right to summon police or emergency assistance in response to domestic violence or other conduct; or (b) impose a monetary or other penalty on a tenant who summons police or emergency assistance. The bill specifies that the provisions of this bill may not be waived by contract. The Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all members of each house; otherwise it takes effect September 1, 2003.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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