

BILL ANALYSIS

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Urban Affairs
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Currently, manufactured housing communities are not required to register with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs. Because of this, taxing entities and regulatory authorities may not be aware of the location of these communities. It would be helpful to know exactly how many manufactured housing communities exist--and where they are located--in an effort to better assist residents and owners of these communities.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the Committee's opinion that this bill expressly grants rulemaking authority to the manufactured housing division's Manufactured Housing Board of the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

SUMMARY ANALYSIS

The bill amends Subchapter A, Chapter 94 of the Property Code, adding a new Section requiring a landlord to register a manufactured home community with the manufactured housing division of the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) and to pay a registration fee of \$200.

The fee is due upon registration of the manufactured community and on each anniversary of the date the community was registered.

The bill requires the manufactured housing division of TDHCA to make registration forms available for communities and to use personnel and other appropriate means to notify manufactured housing communities of the registration requirement.

The bill makes conforming language changes to Section 94.053(c) of the Property Code.

EFFECTIVE DATE

The Act would take effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house. Otherwise, September 1, 2007.