

**BILL ANALYSIS**

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

Under current law, a public housing authority is not required to comply with the Texas Fair Housing Act. Public housing authorities house thousands of residents and should not be able to discriminate as prohibited by the Texas Fair Housing Act. While these housing authorities may have to comply with the federal Fair Housing Act, there is simply no reason that a housing authority should not be required to comply with the Texas Fair Housing Act as well.

H.B. 2353 applies the Texas Fair Housing Act to public housing authorities.

**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 Section 392.006, Local Government Code, as follows:

Sec. 392.006. UNIT OF GOVERNMENT; GOVERNMENTAL FUNCTIONS.  
Requires a housing authority to be subject to all landlord obligations and tenant remedies, other than a suit for personal injuries, as set forth in Chapter 301 (Texas Fair Housing Act), Property Code.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2007.