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S.B. No. 1552

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to additional functions of a commission panel of a municipal building and standards commission.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 54, Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 54.036. FUNCTIONS. A commission panel may:

(1) order the repair, within a fixed period, of buildings found to be in violation of an ordinance;

(2) declare a building substandard in accordance with the powers granted by this subchapter;

(3) order, in an appropriate case, the immediate removal of persons or property found on private property, enter on private property to secure the removal if it is determined that conditions exist on the property that constitute a violation of an ordinance, and order action to be taken as necessary to remedy, alleviate, or remove any substandard building found to exist;

(4) issue orders or directives to any peace officer of the state, including a sheriff or constable or the chief of police of the municipality, to enforce and carry out the lawful orders or directives of the commission panel;

(5) determine the amount and duration of the civil penalty the municipality may recover as provided by Section [54.017](#);

(6) order action to be taken as necessary to remedy,

1 alleviate, remove, or abate, violations of ordinances relating to
2 animal care and control or water conservation measures, including
3 water restrictions.

4 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
5 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
6 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
7 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
8 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.