

SENATE AMENDMENTS

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By: Goldman

H.B. No. 3879

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to nonlawyer representation in an appeal of an eviction suit.

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

SECTION 1. Section 24.011, Property Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 24.011. NONLAWYER REPRESENTATION. (a) In eviction suits in justice court for nonpayment of rent or holding over beyond a rental term, the parties may represent themselves or be represented by their authorized agents, who need not be attorneys. In any eviction suit in justice court, an authorized agent requesting or obtaining a default judgment need not be an attorney.

(b) In an appeal of an eviction suit for nonpayment of rent in a county or district court, an owner of a multifamily residential property may be represented by the owner's authorized agent, who need not be an attorney, or, if the owner is a corporation or other entity, by an employee, owner, officer, or partner of the entity, who need not be an attorney.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to an appeal taken on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

ADOPTED

MAY 23 2017

Atty. Gen.
Secretary of the Senate

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LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 23, 2017

TO: Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB3879 by Goldman (Relating to nonlawyer representation in an appeal of an eviction suit.), **As Passed 2nd House**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council

LBB Staff: UP, SD, CL, GG, BM

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FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 20, 2017

TO: Honorable Kelly Hancock, Chair, Senate Committee on Business & Commerce

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB3879 by Goldman (Relating to nonlawyer representation in an appeal of an eviction suit.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

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FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 12, 2017

TO: Honorable Kelly Hancock, Chair, Senate Committee on Business & Commerce

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB3879 by Goldman (Relating to nonlawyer representation in an appeal of an eviction suit.), **As Engrossed**

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FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

April 22, 2017

TO: Honorable René Oliveira, Chair, House Committee on Business & Industry

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB3879 by Goldman (Relating to nonlawyer representation in an appeal of an eviction suit.), **As Introduced**

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