

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

H.B. 2076  
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Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

It has been reported that apartment complexes increasingly require electronic payment of rent, which presents a difficulty for tenants who may not have access to a computer or bank account and often involves additional processing fees. H.B. 2076 seeks to remedy these issues by requiring a landlord to accept at least one method of payment other than cash for which the landlord does not charge or collect a service charge.

### **CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

### **ANALYSIS**

H.B. 2076 amends the Property Code to require a landlord to permit a residential tenant to pay rent or a security deposit by at least one method other than cash for which the landlord does not charge or collect a service charge.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

September 1, 2019.