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By:  Thompson of Brazoria H.B. No. 4361

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the standing of municipalities in certain civil actions.

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

SECTION 1.  Chapter 30, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, is amended by adding Section 30.022 to read as follows:

Sec. 30.022.  STANDING OF MUNICIPALITIES IN CERTAIN ACTIONS. A municipality has standing to bring or intervene in a civil action if the intervention is necessary to protect or defend the rights of a resident of the municipality. This section applies regardless of whether the party opposing the municipal resident is located outside of the municipality.

SECTION 2.  Section 30.022, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, as added by this Act, applies only to an action filed on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.