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H.B. No. 3036

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a temporary abatement of evictions for failure to pay rent during and after a disaster.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 24, Property Code, is amended by adding Section 24.012 to read as follows:

Sec. 24.012. TEMPORARY ABATEMENT OF EVICTION DURING AND AFTER DISASTER. (a) In this section, "state of disaster" means a state of disaster declared by the governor under Section 418.014, Government Code.

(b) This section applies only to an eviction based on a tenant's nonpayment of rent.

(c) An action under this chapter to evict a tenant is automatically abated without a court order during the period a state of disaster is in effect and until the 61st day after the date a state of disaster ends.

(d) During the period a state of disaster is in effect and until the 61st day after the date a state of disaster ends, an officer may not execute a writ of possession relating to the eviction of a tenant.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.