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| BILL ANALYSIS |

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| H.B. 2381 |
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| Committee Report (Unamended) |

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| **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**  In 2019, the Texas Legislature passed S.B. 2342 to increase the maximum amount in controversy in civil cases over which justice courts have jurisdiction from $10,000 to $20,000. However, the legislation did not increase the amount in controversy over which the courts have jurisdiction in civil cases regarding the repair of a residential rental property. H.B. 2381 seeks to address this oversight by increasing the maximum amount that may be awarded by a justice court in certain civil cases regarding the repair of residential rental property from $10,000 to $20,000 to match the increase made with respect to other civil cases. |
| **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. 2381 amends the Property Code to increase the maximum judgment amount that may be awarded by a justice court in a case involving the repair or remedy of conditions of a residential rental property from $10,000 to $20,000, excluding interest and costs of court. The bill applies only to a cause of action that accrues on or after the bill's effective date. |
| **EFFECTIVE DATE**  September 1, 2023. |