

BILL ANALYSIS

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C.S.S.B. 1927
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

S.B. 1927 seeks to amend Section 212.905(h) of the Local Government Code to allow property owners to remove Ashe juniper trees located on residential property without facing municipal prohibitions or tree mitigation fees. This bill provides a specific exception related to the removal.

(Original Author's/Sponsor's Statement of Intent)

S.B. 1927 amends current law relating to municipal regulation of the removal of an Ashe juniper tree.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 212.905(h), Local Government Code, by amending Subsection (h) and adding Subsection (h-1), as follows:

(h) Prohibits a municipality from prohibiting the removal of or imposing a tree mitigation fee for the removal of:

- (1) a tree that is diseased or dead;
- (2) a tree that poses an imminent or immediate threat to persons or property; or
- (3) except as provided by Subsection (h-1), an Ashe juniper tree located on a residential property.

Makes nonsubstantive changes to this subsection.

(h-1) Provides that Subsection (h)(3) does not apply to an area located within 15 miles of the boundary of a military base, as defined by Section 43.0117 (Authority of Municipality to Annex Area Near Military Base), at which an active training program is conducted and in a county with a population of more than two million.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2025.