

By: Bell of Montgomery

H.B. No. 1524

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to certain definitions applicable to the Texas Fair Housing Act.

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

SECTION 1. Section 301.003, Property Code, is amended by adding Subdivision (1-a) and amending Subdivision (8) to read as follows:

(1-a) "Bona fide offer" means an offer made in good faith without deceitful motives and that is legally binding on the parties. The term includes a lump sum offer and an earnest money deposit.

(8) "Dwelling" means any:

(A) structure or part of a structure that is occupied as, or designed or intended for occupancy as, a residence by one or more families and has received a certificate of occupancy;
or

(B) vacant land that is offered for sale or lease for the construction or location of a structure or part of a structure described by Paragraph (A).

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.