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S.B. No. 1691

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the disruption of quiet enjoyment of a residence with
3 pamphlets, leaflets, or flyers demonstrating ethnic or religious
4 animus; providing a civil penalty.

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

6 SECTION 1. Title 4, Property Code, is amended by adding
7 Chapter 32 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 32. CIVIL PENALTIES FOR CERTAIN DISRUPTIONS OF QUIET

ENJOYMENT OF PROPERTY

10 Sec. 32.001. CIVIL PENALTY FOR DISRUPTION OF QUIET
11 ENJOYMENT OF RESIDENCE WITH CERTAIN HATE SPEECH. (a) A person who
12 interferes with another person's quiet enjoyment of that person's
13 residence by distributing a pamphlet, leaflet, or flyer that
14 demonstrates ethnic or religious animus is subject to a civil
15 penalty in an amount of \$5,000.

16 (b) The attorney general or a district or county attorney
17 may bring an action to collect a civil penalty under this section.
18 The attorney general or district or county attorney may recover
19 reasonable attorney's fees and costs incurred in bringing the
20 action.

21 SECTION 2. Section 32.001, Property Code, as added by this
22 Act, applies only to a pamphlet, leaflet, or flyer distributed on or
23 after the effective date of this Act.

24 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.