

1-1 By: Watson S.B. No. 1000
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 22, 2019; March 1, 2019,
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1-4 Relations; April 11, 2019, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 6, Nays 1; April 11, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to the municipal regulation of housing for homeless
1-18 individuals provided by a religious organization.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-20 SECTION 1. Chapter 229, Local Government Code, is amended
1-21 by adding Subchapter C to read as follows:

1-22 SUBCHAPTER C. REGULATION OF HOUSING PROVIDED BY RELIGIOUS
1-23 ORGANIZATIONS

1-24 Sec. 229.071. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

1-25 (1) "Homeless individual" includes any individual in
1-26 need of housing assistance.

1-27 (2) "Religious organization" has the meaning assigned
1-28 by Section 464.051, Health and Safety Code.

1-29 Sec. 229.072. CERTAIN ZONING OR LAND USE REGULATIONS
1-30 PROHIBITED. A municipal zoning or land use ordinance may not
1-31 prohibit a religious organization from:

1-32 (1) using the religious organization's facility as
1-33 housing for homeless individuals; or

1-34 (2) having housing units on the organization's
1-35 property for homeless individuals.

1-36 Sec. 229.073. OTHER REGULATIONS PERMITTED. (a) A
1-37 municipality may adopt or enforce an ordinance that imposes
1-38 reasonable health and safety regulations on housing for homeless
1-39 individuals provided on a religious organization's property.

1-40 (b) A municipality shall require a religious organization
1-41 that provides housing for homeless individuals on the
1-42 organization's property to provide:

1-43 (1) electricity and heat for each housing unit; and

1-44 (2) at least one kitchen and bathroom on the property
1-45 that may be used by the individuals.

1-46 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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