

1-1 By: Perry S.B. No. 304
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed November 12, 2024; February 3, 2025,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Local Government;
1-4 March 17, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 6,
1-5 Nays 0; March 17, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Bettencourt	X			
1-8 Middleton	X			
1-9 Cook	X			
1-10 Gutierrez			X	
1-11 Nichols	X			
1-12 Paxton	X			
1-13 West	X			
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1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to the jurisdiction of municipal courts over health and
1-18 safety and nuisance abatement ordinances.

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

1-20 SECTION 1. Section 29.003, Government Code, is amended by
1-21 adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

1-22 (a-1) The governing body of a municipality by ordinance may
1-23 provide that the court has:

1-24 (1) civil jurisdiction for the purpose of enforcing
1-25 municipal ordinances enacted under Subchapter A, Chapter 214, Local
1-26 Government Code, or Subchapter E, Chapter 683, Transportation Code;
1-27 (2) concurrent jurisdiction with a district court or a
1-28 county court at law under Subchapter B, Chapter 54, Local
1-29 Government Code, within the municipality's territorial limits and
1-30 property owned by the municipality located in the municipality's
1-31 extraterritorial jurisdiction for the purpose of enforcing health
1-32 and safety and nuisance abatement ordinances; and

1-33 (3) authority to issue:
1-34 (A) search warrants for the purpose of
1-35 investigating a health and safety or nuisance abatement ordinance
1-36 violation; and

1-37 (B) seizure warrants for the purpose of securing,
1-38 removing, or demolishing the offending property and removing the
1-39 debris from the premises.

1-40 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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